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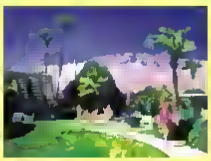

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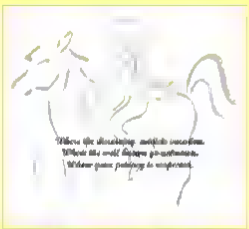

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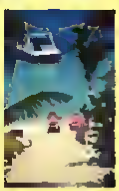

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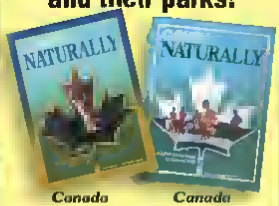

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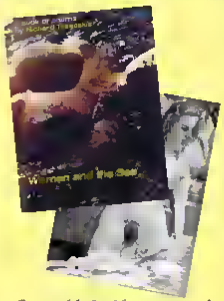

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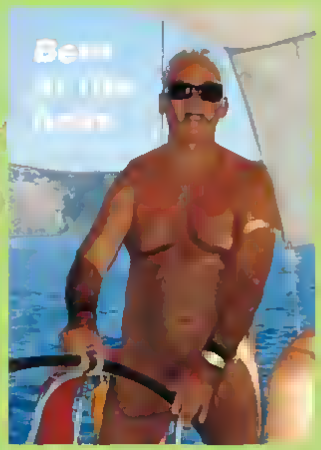

History

When retired founder of the naturist movement, Lee Baxandall, called me for some space in this issue to publish an article on the formation of the Naturist Leadership Council, and to recount the turbulent days of free beach demonstrations. There were personality clashes, and political agendas, and I knew this would not be a typical piece for our *Naturally* readers. Some of our staff, even, felt that such an article may no longer be relevant. The new crop of adherents have probably never heard of the people who made those days so critical in the evolution of naturism and nudism – in America and around the world. Still, I was delighted to hear from Lee Baxandall again after so many years, and welcomed the opportunity to acknowledge our history, and honor the men and women who paved the way.

Perhaps we've reached the point where naturism is now more a personal freedom – and choice – in the hands of the public than in the guiding hands of a select few? The Internet, certainly, is changing how we view nude recreation, the freedom to be nude in public, and vacationing at nudist resorts.

Another important note . . . this issue includes Paul LeValley's final column *Hail and Farewell*. The renowned naturist authority, academician, and foremost authority on the history of the nude in art has been one of *Naturally*'s great assets. His contiguous presence in *Naturally* will be missed by many readers. Please join me in expressing our appreciation for his many years of outstanding contribution. Your emails to Paul through naturally@internaturally.com will be happily forwarded.

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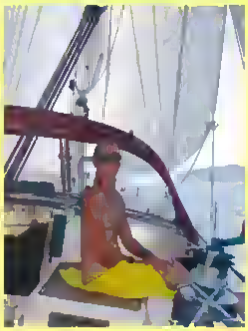

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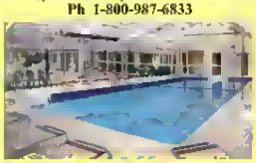

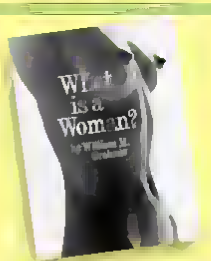

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Nudes in the Mainstream

The two men went shopping in the nude

Nude pair clearly had a sweet tooth

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz , Dec 5 – Two naked men entered an Arizona gas station last weekend, not looking for clothes to wear but something sweet to eat

Scottsdale gas station attendant Theresa Dockstader-Carter said when the two completely unclothed men walked in and bought some candy, tea and a doughnut, she tried to act as normal as possible, The Arizona Republic reported Tuesday

She said despite the fact they clearly lacked pockets in which to carry a wallet, the two men had the money to buy their treats

"They were very polite," Dockstader-Carter said of her unusual Saturday customers

"They said they lost their clothes, and I said I'm sorry to hear that, hopefully you'll find them."

Station manager Samantha Cooley said the incident seemed like a innocent joke, then offered the *Republic* one of her own

"One you'd wanna see and one, oh you know, could use a couple days at the gym," she said in summing up their physiques

Republic

Photo MICHAEL WALKER

Sandy Bay in Cape Town

Recommended for more than just bronzed buttocks, the secluded beach, reached after a 15-minute stroll into the Cape Peninsula National Park, is wild and untarnished by development, according to thetimes co za

It smells of fynbos and the icy Atlantic Ocean, and offers a long stretch of fine, powdery sand, framed by unspoilt bush and warm granite boulders – ideal for basking on Apart from softly lapping waves and the occasional grunt as a German tourist (in socks, sandals and sun hat) hops between boulders, it's quiet

Brattleboro board bans public nudity

December 8, 2007 – The Brattleboro Selectboard is prohibiting nudity in public areas of the town

The town has struggled with the issue of whether to outlaw nudity since a handful of people started appearing naked in town

Last summer officials passed an emergency ordinance banning nudity, but it wasn't made permanent

Laura Austan told the Select Board restricting nudity was a slap in the face to tolerance and personal freedom

But Gary Gale says it's intolerant to force someone to witness a nude person

Town attorney Bob Fisher says it's unlikely police would ticket someone for being nude at a known skinny dipping location

Brattleboro earlier in the year

... on Sunday, October 07, PETA animal rights protesters also contributed to Brattleboro's nude fame At least 75 spectators turned out in downtown Brattleboro to see them bare all for the cause

When asked why only female volunteers disrobed for the event, (activist Meggan) Anderson said, "Who wants to come see a naked male?"

Peter Johnson [not to be confused with "Richard Peter Johnson"], who rode by the crowd on a Segway, agreed with Anderson "It's better than the old, ugly people," he said

Man arrested after running naked on field

Dec 9, 2007 – Sri Lankan police arrested an English cricket supporter after he ran naked onto the field Sunday during the first day of the second test between Sri Lanka and England The streaker left the pitch at Colombo's Sinhalese Sports Club but was later caught by police and arrested

Media reports said it was the first time a streaker has invaded a cricket field in Sri Lanka

Children caught kissing face jail in Germany

ALLAN HALL IN BERLIN

Dec 12 – Germany is poised to bring in a draconian law tomorrow that will effectively outlaw kissing and cuddling between children under 17 in public places

While experts acknowledge that the bill has good intentions, they fear it will deprive teens of a sexual rite of passage, through flirting and experimentation

Broadly speaking, the law is aimed at the 14-17 age group, but some subclauses have far-reaching consequences Parents who put a picture of their naked youngster in a bath or a paddling pool on the Internet, for example, will leave themselves open to charges of disseminating child pornography

But it is the attempt to regulate – in essence – the raging hormones of teenagers that strike many as bizarre and unworkable Under the law, to go before the Bundestag tomorrow, a teenage boy up to the age of 17 who is caught "fondling or stroking the chest" of someone younger will be liable to prosecution – regardless of consent

If he does it in a cinema and the girl complains, he will be deemed to have been guilty of planning the "assault" by paying for the cinema ticket to commit the act – crime aforethought.

Critics say Germany has gone more than two steps beyond European Union and United Nations' guidelines in introducing the law, claiming that it is copied from the United States A 15-year-old girl in Pittsburgh faces a long jail term on a charge of distributing child pornography after sending nude pictures of herself over the Internet to a friend.

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"This is not something Germany should be copying," said Jürgen Grünewald, a child welfare consultant. "It seems pompous, heavy-handed and totally unworkable."

Lawyers see a minefield ahead. false claims from girls who were rebuffed by the school hunk at a disco or boys spurned by the class vamp. But Brigitte Zypries, the justice minister, said the younger generation needed to be protected as much from itself as from the bogeymen that parents insist lurk at every teenage party.

At present, the law stipulates that sexual abuse among minors occurs when the perpetrator is 18 and the victim is at least two years younger. This age disparity is being done away with under the new legislation. Wolfgang Neskovic, of the Left Party, said: "In a ridiculous way, we are trying to regulate the hormones and lifestyle of teenagers and criminalize that which has gone on since time immemorial."

Under the new law a 15-year-old who posts a picture of herself in a bikini on the internet would be guilty of disseminating a pornographic photograph. She could be punished by law – as would anyone who downloaded it, for whatever purpose.

Professional artists and writers would face up to three months in jail if they make "realistic descriptions of sex among young people" in magazines, films, books, newspapers or on the internet.

Andreas Hill, a Hamburg sex therapist, warned that the bill – which appears likely to be passed by the coalition right-left government in Germany – might release a "wave of useless procedures for an already overstretched police force to deal with, while the really relevant crimes in society go unsolved."

Scotsman.com

Clothes off for take-off on naturist flights

GERMAN holidaymakers will be able to indulge their love of naturism by taking to the skies nude on special flights being launched this year, a travel company said overnight.

"In the former East Germany, naturist holidays were a much-loved way of spending the best weeks of the year," said the founder of OssiUrlaub.de, Enrico Hess.

"We want to make that freedom possible above the clouds too."

The flights are aimed specifically at former East Germans, nicknamed "Ossis" in German, who feel nostalgic for the naturism that was authorised and extremely popular under communist rule.

The first nude flights will be a day-trip on July 5 between Erfurt in southeast Germany and the Baltic Sea island of Usedom, which is fringed by white sand beaches.

Tickets cost €499 ($838) and there are just 50 seats on board the jet.

"All the passengers will fly naked, but they are only allowed to undress once they are in the plane. But then they will be able to enjoy the hour-long flight in the way God intended," Mr Hess said.

The pilot and the flight attendants will however keep their clothes on.

Agence France-Presse - from correspondents in Berlin

I was jogging, says nude priest

December 20, 2007 — A US clergyman claimed to have been jogging nude after being arrested for indecent exposure.

The Reverend Robert Whipkey was arrested in a suburb of Denver, Colorado, after an officer saw him walking on a street naked at 4:35am.

He told police he jogged naked because he sweated heavily if he wore clothes.

He will now go on trial before a jury in March next year.

Whipkey served three parishes in Colorado but was placed on administrative leave by the Archdiocese of Denver after his arrest.

The archdiocese said Whipkey was investigated for "inappropriate personal behaviour" more than eight years ago.

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Fischer praises new film's nude scene

Actress JENNA FISCHER is urging women to go see her new film *Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story* because it is full of male nudity.

The 33-year-old is sure the amount of male flesh on show in the movie will be a draw for female audiences – but insists she didn't have to strip off too.

She writes on her Myspace page, "Think 40-Year Old Virgin but with full-frontal male nudity, too. That's right, ladies, we have penis. There is a ton of nudity.

"I don't get naked in the film, (but) I had to be sewn into most of my costumes to make sure they were as tight as possible. My wardrobe assistant's main job was making sure my boobs didn't fall out."

World Entertainment News Network

Neighbor should invest in curtains

Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby: I have lived next door to the "Smiths" for 18 years. They're nice people. When problems have arisen, they have helped me out, and I have done the same for them. We're good neighbors and friends.

I have known the Smiths' children their whole lives. Their daughter is now 17. Their son was born a year later.

My question: Is it normal for a 16- year-old boy to walk around the house naked, in plain view of family members? No one seems to notice or care. There are no looks or comments.

In the morning he gets up around 6:45. He walks into the kitchen and fixes a bowl of cereal. Then he stands at the counter, watching the morning sports shows while eating his breakfast in the nude. There is absolutely no evidence of arousal of any kind. When the bathroom becomes available, he goes in for a shower.

I have never seen any of the other family members naked. This boy has no compunctions about being seen by his father, mother, sister or next-door neighbor. He's been nude in my presence dozens of times. I know it's common for little boys to run around without clothes on sometimes, but, Abby, he's not a little boy anymore. — Clothes-Minded in Wisconsin

Dear Clothes-Minded: Standards regarding nudity vary from family to family, and obviously the Smiths are casual and open-minded on the subject. It's possible that you have been their neighbor so long that the young man considers you part of the family.

Because he has matured sufficiently that his nudity now makes you uncomfortable, you should hang curtains on your windows that face the Smiths' kitchen — and before dropping over there, call to ask whether he's presentable. If he's not, then don't go over.

The sculpture of Florida artist Michael West, titled "Richard Peter Johnson," was stolen outside Chez Pierre restaurant in Wakulla County.

Letters to the editor:

Theft of statue says a lot about art, progress

If it were a naked woman, the sculpture would still be there. What a shame the sculpture of the naked man was stolen. Its placement at Chez Pierre was a progressive step for Tallahassee. There have always been plenty of naked women depicted in art from around this region, but let one brave artist depict a rather handsomely endowed nude man and within a couple of days, poof, he is gone! What does that say about our city?

Sure, it may be a young person's or college kids' prank, but my bet is on the prudish, close-minded person, or someone with a serious case of envy.

I do not intend to offend anyone with my opinion, but I do hope it will cause someone to pause and remember what art is all about in the first place. Maybe the next time we here in Tallahassee are honored with a piece of art as bold as "Richard Peter Johnson" we can keep it displayed.

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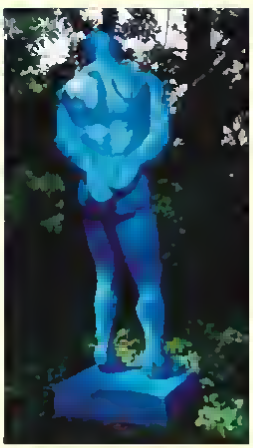

"Richard Peter Johnson" – the sculpture is now painted bronze

Bras in the air, and a message to tell

Boy, it was a chilly January morning in New York

By Diego Vasquez
Jan 10, 2008

Lifetime's new program "How to Look Good Naked" has a sexy sound to it, though in fact its message is quite otherwise: how to feel good about yourself regardless of your looks.

But with a name like that, it was a no-brainer to come up with an equally flashy campaign for the show's Jan. 4 launch. That Lifetime did.

On Thursday, in the morning before its Friday premiere, Lifetime sent 160 women out onto the streets of New York, clad in robes and waving bras. The women showed up at Grand Central and other transportation hubs to greet commuters, and then rallied in Times Square at a gathering hosted by Carson Kressley, known best from Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and the host of the new Lifetime series.

Along the way the women handed out "Happy Nude Year" cards that included information on the show.

"When we saw the show we believed the only way to do this thing right was to stage an event in Manhattan that would cause attention," says Lew Goldstein, co-chief marketing officer for Lifetime, who came up with the campaign along with co-CMO Bob Bibb.

Once in Times Square, Kressley and the women held a rally of sorts, attracting national and local media attention. There were also funhouse mirrors on hand to play off the whole body image theme.

The only thing that didn't seem to cooperate? The frigid early-January weather in NYC.

"The women would have been in undergarments under the robes, but because it ended up being so cold they wore regular clothes underneath," Goldstein says.

The stunt was part of a major promotion on the part of Lifetime for "How to Look Good Naked," and it all seemed to make a point that resonated with potential viewers.

The show became Lifetime's most successful reality show launch ever, attracting 1.6 million total viewers and improving its Friday 9 p.m. time slot among women 18-34 by 165 percent.

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Italy's nude models dress to protest

Liz Rusbridger, Reuters

ROME - Nude models at Italian art schools and colleges are protesting the best way they know how: by putting their clothes back on.

The models, who complain that posing naked offers skimpy salaries and scant job security, went on strike yesterday across the country by covering up for 24 hours.

"Our work is not recognized," life model Antonella Migliorini told *La Stampa* newspaper. "We pose for eight hours a day and still the colleges treat us like teaching tools."

"We do a difficult job, with a great tradition resting on our shoulders, which requires both imagination and great physical concentration."

They complain of having a bum deal that includes monthly pay of less than 900 Euros per month, with no fixed contract.

They also suffer health risks, Migliorini says, because they work in close contact with paints.

Their demands include annual contracts and more money per month to help them better make ends meet, *La Stampa* reported.

Times Colonist (Victoria) 2008

Court says officials too prudish over skinny-dippers

A Canadian judge says a Vancouver suburb cannot bar nude swimmers from holding a private gathering at a local pool and chided town officials for being a bit too prudish.

"For those who came of age in the 1960s, skinny-dipping would hardly seem to be a threat to the moral fibre of western civilization. Not so, however, for some of the good burghers of Surrey," Justice Paul Williamson said in a ruling.

The nudist group had rented an indoor town swimming pool in suburban Surrey in British Columbia in 2002 and 2003 for late-night members-only gatherings, but the permit was cancelled after a newspaper story prompted public complaints.

Surrey argued that nude swimming might be a health hazard and said it was unfair to make lifeguards protect swimmers "not in suitable bathing attire," since those who objected for personal reasons would lose potential overtime income.

The judge dismissed those arguments and noted that since the swimmers could not be seen from outside the building, any complaints would be from people "shocked by what they had neither seen nor heard, but suspected."

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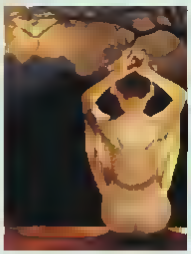

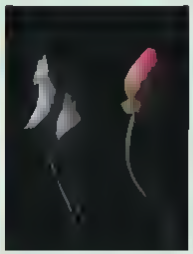

Vietnamese artist wins with nudity

Photographer Quoc Dinh won a gold medal at Japan's international Asahi Shimbun photo contest in 2005 for "Life's Medium" and another gold for "Afternoon Dream" in 2007. Both winning works were nude photographs.

Asahi Shimbun is a reputable annual photo contest which attracts nearly 10,000 photos on average. Quoc Dinh has surprised the local photographic circle because within two years working as a professional photographer, he won four international prizes, all of which were nude photos.

Quoc Dinh recently sent four nude photos to the 61st Hong Kong International Photo Contest, which received nearly 10,000 photos from around the world. All four of his photos won a prize. Autumn Color got a gold medal, Shape of Flower got a gold as well, Aspiration and Two Artworks won bronze medals.

Quoc Dinh was born in 1967 and graduated from the Dong Nai Provincial Art College. After ten years earning his living from paintings, he became a photographer in 2004. In two years, 2002-2004, he has received 16 domestic and international prizes.

Regarding nude photos, Dinh said he is also a painter so he is able to feel the perfect beauty of women, and he wants to honor the beauty of the female body. Women in Dinh's nude photos are mainly normal girls, not professional models.

Some senior photographers advised Dinh to not focus on nude photos because this is a sensitive medium. Moreover, international photographers have walked this area carefully. But Dinh thinks women's beauty is limitless and he has succeeded with his art.

VietNamNet Bridge

Five nude motorcyclists pulled over by CHP

January 20, 2008 – Five motorcyclists who were driving in the nude were pulled over by the California Highway Patrol on Saturday night at Ocean and Water streets, but no citations were written by Santa Cruz police, who were called in to investigate.

Sgt. Sven Mill of the CHP said the five motorcyclists were part of a local motorcycle club and were riding with 10 other motorcyclists at 8 p.m.

All of the riders were wearing helmets.

According to the CHP, there is a law against indecent exposure and usually it is up to the discretion of the arresting agency to determine whether the crime, a misdemeanor, was committed. Usually, a lewd act has to be committed for indecent exposure to be punishable, according to dispatchers.

The Santa Cruz Police Department could not be reached for comment.

Sentinel Staff Report

Natural flavorista's lovely lovelies remembered

Florida Times-Union, January 16, 2000. Stephanie Granger, a former Miami resident, has established the Stephanie Granger Fund for Art Education with a $50 endowment to the Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art. Granger, who died Dec. 6 at age 31, was a [illegible] Granger, who died Dec. 6 at age 31, was a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Ad with nuns drawing nude man denounced

BOSTON, Jan 31 (UPI) – Catholic groups in Boston have attacked a health club ad in January's issue of Boston magazine, which features nuns drawing a nude man, reporters said.

The Catholic League, the Archdiocese of Boston and the Catholic Action League of Massachusetts have all said the controversial Equinox Fitness Club ad is offensive to their communities, WCBV-TV in Boston reported Wednesday.

"Our ad campaigns are based on personal motivation and fantasy and throughout history the body has been considered a form of art," the company said.

The ad "portrays a callous contempt for the sensibility of Catholics," Catholic Action League of Massachusetts member, C J. Doyle told the newspaper.

Fight for Your Nude Rights

by Greg Gutfeld

Thursday, January 10, 2008 – So while the American public focused on New Hampshire, another, more important election was going on. Thanks to some feminists, women can now bathe topless in a swimming pool in northern Sweden.

Now, I've never been much of a feminist – I only burned my bra once and that was because of lice. But this is one of those brilliant occasions where the needs of feminists, lesbians and peepers like myself collide making this the kind of equal rights I can get behind and even spoon.

But this mammary victory illustrates a greater point. That most feminism is a ruse pulled on women by men who simply want to see more of them naked and have sex without commitment. The fact is, if you marched alongside feminists, then you were guaranteed sex. The only downside: It was with women who look like [name removed].

But that's Sweden. And it's time for our feminists to tackle the same problem here and take to the public pools and water theme parks and demand their right to go full frontal.

Swimsuits are male oppression, women, and if you believe in equal rights, then damn it, you should show it by stripping off right now. And possibly take a photo and send it to me. I will do my best to further the cause by showing them to my friends.

And if you disagree with me, then you, sir, are worse than Hitler.

And that's my gut feeling!

Greg Gutfeld hosts 'Red Eye with Greg Gutfeld' weekdays at 2 a.m. ET.

Trunks on a crock

A man from Australia took off his underpants to blindfold a 5ft (about 1,5m) crocodile he found on a popular beach. Jimmy Howard wanted to calm down the saltwater crocodile and says his red pants were all he had at hand. "I just ripped my jocks off, soaked them in the water and wrapped them around its face," he told the Northern Territory News. "It was a bit cranky and that was the only thing I could use to cover its eyes. "I'm probably the only one in the world who can say they went commando for a croc. I'm just lucky it wasn't a bull – it would have arced up a bit at the sight of red jocks." Mr Howard, 35, almost stepped on the croc as it basked in a shallow pool of water at Casuarina Beach, Darwin.

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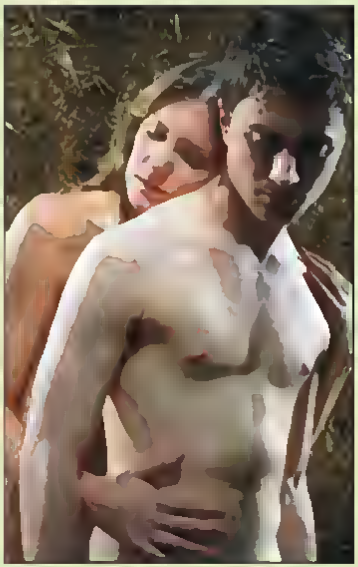

Joanna Christie and Daniel Radcliffe star in Equus.

Rowling wants Radcliffe "naked all the time" in next Harry Potter sequel!

Asian News International reported that J.K. Rowling is so impressed by Daniel Radcliffe's nude scenes in *Equus* that she is tempted to see him strip off for the next installment of the boy wizard franchise. Radcliffe said that after seeing the West End show, Rowling came backstage to tell him that he was going to be naked all the time in the next Potter film.

"When Jo came to see me in Equus, she popped backstage afterwards and told me: 'In the next film, Harry's going to be naked all of the time!'" Contact music quoted Radcliffe as saying.

Radcliffe, who has made his mark at West End, is also planning to do the same on Broadway.

The actor earlier confirmed that he would be making his debut on the American stage when the play *Equus* goes to the Big Apple.

ANI.com

Naked people wearing pumpkins on their heads run through the streets of Boulder, Colorado, on Halloween night, October 31, 2007 in the annual Naked Pumpkin Run.

REUTERS/Rick Wilking

The Progress Report

The Bush team declares war on [illegible]

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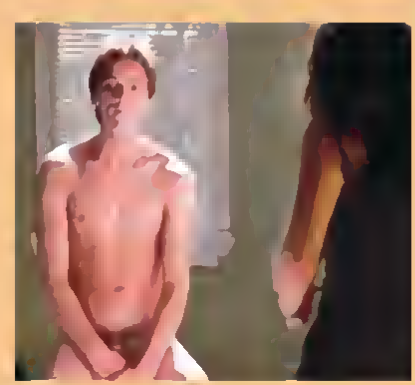


Irish actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers hates female co-stars who refuse to undress

for movie roles and their hesitation makes him want to "cut their ears off."

Contactmusic.com reports that he doesn't like reserved actresses who don't want to appear nude for the sake of art.

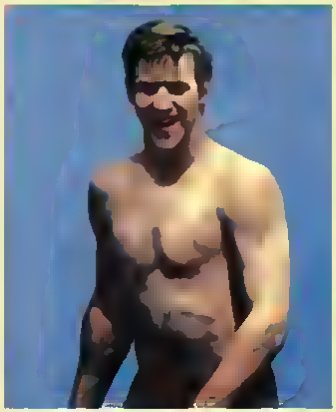
He said: "I can't stand actresses who won't take their clothes off. It drives me nuts. I want to cut their ears off. If it says in the script you are naked, be naked, instead of moaning and saying, "I really don't want to show my tits, I don't want to show my ass."

Roberts: No more nude scenes

Hollywood actress Julia Roberts recently avoided being on the sets of her movie "Charlie Wilson's War" so that she didn't have to witness her co-star Tom Hanks strip off in front of the camera.

The 40-year-old actress had recently said that she would never pose naked for a role, claiming "actors who agree to nude scenes are not staying true to their craft."

Of course, if you play a hooker, you might have to make some compromises. She had famously disrobed in the 1990 film "Pretty Woman" with Richard Gere.



Boston Bruins great Bobby Orr is a favorite subject of painter Kurt Kauper

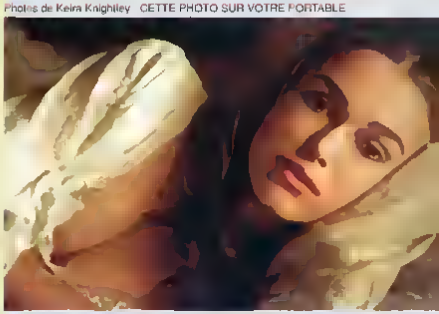
Orr what?

Kurt Kauper, who describes himself as besotted with Bobby Orr as a youngster growing up in a coastal Massachusetts town, is the artist, acknowledged by critics as a masterful practitioner of realistic portraiture.

This series, which includes five images of athletes – three of them nudes – is called "Everybody Knows That Canadians Were The Best Hockey Players." As of this writing, all the paintings but one had been sold, fetching up to $135,000 (U.S.).

Also rendered in the raw is Derek Sanderson, posed in a wood-panelled locker room, with a hockey stick demurely positioned.

Photos de Keira Knightley - CETTE PHOTO SUR VOTRE PORTABLE



Keira Knightley 'loves' posing naked

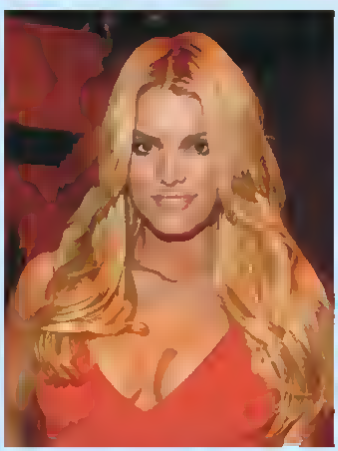
Actress Keira Knightley enjoys stripping off for photo shoots so much, she fears she'll become a nudist. The *Pride And Prejudice* star posed nude with Scarlett Johansson for the cover of *Vanity Fair* (Feb06) and can currently be seen baring nearly all in an advertising campaign for Chanel perfume. But the 22-year-old is worried her exhibitionist ways will cause her to ditch clothes entirely in the future. Knightley says, "I don't know why it happened this way. People ask me to pose naked and I just say yes. I find it vaguely liberating. I hope I don't become a nudist, but I'm definitely on my way."

contactmusic.com

Klum's naked Sundays

Supermodel Heidi Klum wants to have "naked Sundays" with her husband Seal.

The German supermodel is planning to follow in Christina Aguilera's footsteps and spend one day a week as nature intended.



Jessica Simpson is desperate to strip naked

December 12, 2007 — Jessica Simpson is desperate to strip naked in a Hollywood movie.

The blonde beauty wants to be taken seriously as an actress and believes baring all is the best way to earn the respect of Tinseltown, even if it goes against her family's wishes.

A source said: "Jessica is in the running for a role that, if she gets it, will put her right on the map in terms of acting.

"The only hitch is that the script requires a number of quite graphic scenes including a full-frontal nude scene. Jessica is so desperate to land the role and get the industry's respect that she's ready to go against her better judgement, and her family, by agreeing to bare all."

Excerpt — Bang Showbiz

Aguilera requests nude pics

Christina Aguilera has requested enlarged versions of photographs from her recent nude magazine shoot

The "Dirrty" singer – who is expecting her first child with husband Jordan Bratman in the New Year – proudly showed off her pregnant stomach in a series of naked shots for Marie Claire magazine

The mother-to-be was reportedly so impressed with the photographs she has asked the magazine to produce a set of blown-up versions for her to display in her house

A source close to the singer said "Christina loved those pictures, and wants to put them up in her house so everyone can see them

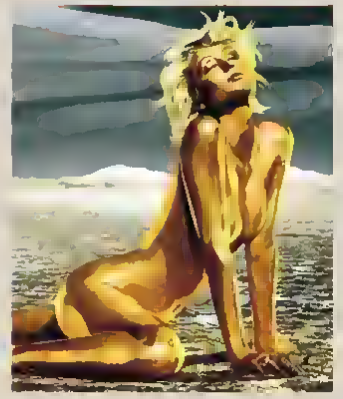
"She also wants them to be up when the baby is born so she can show him or her what their mum looked like while she was pregnant."

Christina told Marie Claire she was shocked when she discovered she was pregnant on her "Back to Basics" tour

She said "We were planning on starting to try after the tour And so, I had gone off the contraceptive pill to prepare my body, because I didn't know how much time it would take

"You've heard it takes some time – except with Power Egg and Super Sperm here I just can't believe it happened so quickly!"

BANG Showbiz



GOLDEN GIRL Paris Hilton is seen covered in gold paint and crawling across a desert in a new advertisement for her wine in a can' brand, Rich Prosecco

Nude Paris launches "wine in a can"

Bang! Showbiz, Thursday, 13 December 2007 – Socialite Paris Hilton has posed naked in a new advertising campaign to launch her luxury sparkling wine in a can brand

The hotel heiress can be seen nude, covered in gold paint and crawling across a desert for the advertising campaign for her drink Rich Prosecco

The drink is described as "The perfect 'starter drink' for your night or a special pleasure as a reward at the end of the day"

Paris, 26, is launching the new "bubbly blonde" drink which comes in original, passion fruit and strawberry flavours in Berlin, Germany, this week and in the US next year

The venture is the latest addition to Paris' expanding empire

She already has her own perfume, jewellery range, shoe collection, bag line and has released a pop album and starred in a number of films

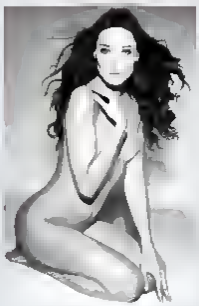
Eva Mendes posed naked for PETA after she realized she could never wear her dog.

The *Hitch* star agreed to strip for the animal rights charity's "Fur? I'd Rather Go Naked" campaign after she and boyfriend Peruvian filmmaker George Gargurevich adopted Hugo, a 70lb Belgian Malinois guard dog

Eva said "I got him for safety reasons for my house It's like we got this fierce dog who was supposed to be manning the house, but that has become him in bed with us and cuddling I really just started to think, 'Oh my god, I would never wear Hugo '"

The day Carla Bruni opened the door to me topless

by Simon Mills



A gorgeous, husky-voiced supermodel greeting me with the words "Sorry for being topless" will go down in memory as the greatest celebrity introduction of my journalistic career

As an opening gambit, it was pure conversational Viagra and a welcome change from the cold, dead-eyed greetings you usually get from actresses, models and TV starlets

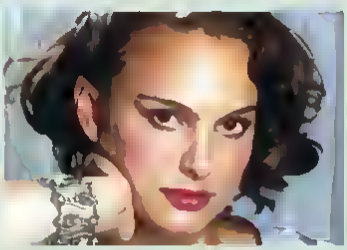
Although perhaps not quite the brand of etiquette you'd expect from a woman who may well become France's first lady

But that's how Carla Bruni, who appears to be the new wife of French president Nicolas Sarkozy, decided to present herself to me not that long ago when I encountered her at her home, a grand, shabby-chic apartment in a fashionable Paris arrondissement

Carla, naked from the waist up, was having her makeup done at the time – I was interviewing her for a glossy magazine – and seemed only vaguely embarrassed by her evidently chilly state of undress

excerpt – dailymail.co.uk

Natalie Portman's public strip off



The *Star Wars* queen bares all — not in her latest movie, *The Darjeeling Limited* but in the Wes Anderson-directed short *Hotel Chevalier*, which serves as a prologue to the main feature After having a nude scene pulled from *Closer* and regretting torture scenes in Goya's Ghosts, baring all is a big deal for Portman

Her decision was all about the faith she has in her director and her role as the ex-girlfriend of one of three brothers (played by Owen Wilson, Jason Schartzman and Adrien Brody) who set off on a trip across India to find themselves and each other

Asked why she agreed, she says "I don't know why, exactly Sometimes you make rules for yourself and sometimes those rules are made to be broken You have to test things out and see what works for you, and this felt right"

Source AdelaideNow

Lee Baxandall (front and center), father of the naturist movement, created the Free Beaches Documentation Center,* Clothed With the Sun, *The Naturist Society and* N *magazine, the Naturist Gatherings, and the* World Guide *to* Nude Beaches *and* Recreation, *recounts...

NATURIST LEADERSHIP gradually emerged in the 1970s and 1980s against the grain of the social life on our nude beaches.

After all, why did we seek to get away from the hierarchies of our clothes and jobs and cities to a free and airy spot in the sun where we needn't fear the eyes and opinions of others or answer to anybody?

Few sought or would accept the responsibility and off-beach work in defense of naturist values.

This is a story of the several dozen who stepped forward in those early years and found their fun and satisfaction in searching out the possible structures among the laid-back "beach people."

What could you do to motivate people who hoped to find Eden on a bare spit of beach to resume the sacrifices of taking responsibility, already burdensome in the rest of life?

ON CAPE COD, Massachusetts, I invented myself as a naked person. I found it at first unbelievable that our continent should be harboring such elementary grandeur. Quickly, I and my family made new and usually lasting friendships among the almost-daily habitues of High Dune or Head Of the Meadow beaches.

Our experience of Cape Cod beach was typical. We had no interest in turning our beach into a place of anxiety and planning for goals and treating people as pawns in a game. The friendships were goals in themselves.

The naturist leaders who appear in this account took the step to become citizens while enjoying federal and state beaches. I hope there can be a deepening discussion of how we create and advance our values while dealing with the problems of the process.

Lee Baxandall
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Providence Journal-Bulletin

celebrated Nude Beach Etiquette. A *Providence Journal-Bulletin* photo of Michelle nude on Moonstone Beach, speaking with a beach official seated in his vehicle, made her locally famous, it is reproduced in *Clothed With the Sun* 2.2 [August 1982] p. 38.

United Press International photo

Michelle was asked by Bern Lohl to come help the Sandy Hook of New Jersey group. The above UPI news photo has Michelle, nude and hoisting a nude child, accepting her challenge citation on July 31, 1982, from a Gateway National Recreation Area park ranger. Michelle was the brave one who broke the ice in going nude, spurring local Tri-State Metro Naturists to follow.

I employed Michelle when she was a precocious 21 years old, from September 1, 1982 through September 30, 1983, at a total salary of $19,235 plus social security, health insurance, telephone and mileage charges as an organizer for The Naturist Society.

As a continuation of her Northeastern beaches volunteer work, I sent her to Florida to establish nude beach groups with Naturist Society affiliation, and Michelle did this with some success, especially for Cape Canaveral National Seashore (a.k.a. Central Florida Free Beaches), the Beach Travel Club at Tarpon Springs, north of St. Petersburg, and the Sanibel Island Naturists of Bowman Beach near Fort Myers.

We offered to Turner Stokes, the coordinator of National Capital Naturists and not yet a camp nudist, Handler's services in creating a visitors organization for Assateague Beach. Stokes declined. "Some of our people are kind of paranoid about the possibility of anyone 'rocking the boat' ... 'riling up' the local people by introducing 'outsiders'," Turner wrote on March 23, 1983.

Michelle vented frustration in a letter of Nov. 23, 1983 to Al Smith, a Beach Travel Club officer in Tampa. The assumed United Free Beaches of Florida leader, John Boyce, who also led Tampa Free Beaches, was unwilling to have anything to do with Bob Grahn, the founder-leader of the Beach Travel Club in nearby Tarpon Springs. "Neither party is willing to act like a mature adult and work together for our common goal," Michelle wrote.

"I spent one of the most exhausting years of my life working to organize Florida and explain naturism to the public to the tune of one radio talk show a week, numerous TV talk shows from Key West to Gainesville, articles in public newspapers and more. You need only look at the two Orlando surveys done a year apart.

Fights for nude bathing
NUDE BEACHES
RECREATION
Michelle Handler believes the right to bare bodies is as constitutional as the right to bear arms. The 22-year-old nature lover from Springfield has launched a one-woman campaign to open beaches to nude sunbathers up and down the eastern seaboard. Here she is shown in Tampa, Fla.

CLIPPING FROM BOSTON MASS. HERALD AMERICAN

New Jersey News Photo #923667

Michelle Handler during the 1982 naturist demonstration at Sandy Hook.

The result is a 22 percent increase in our favor during the year I spent in Florida.

"Al, in this past year I spent seven days on nude beaches. That is it. My beach [in Rhode Island] is won and I spent only seven days there because I was trying to help groups such as yours. I could have given up the fight for others as soon as I won my fight, but I made a commitment at the price of a personal life for a year.

"I don't regret it at all," Handler concluded, "but letters such as yours do have the ability to chip away at the commitment as I begin to feel the effort is futile."

By the end of 1983 Handler had entirely moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, to join her partner, Carl Flick. She wrote to me on Feb. 21, 1984: "Things are going exceptionally well with Carl now."

I wrote back to her on March 27, 1984: "I strongly urge you to make the [1984] East Coast gathering. As I mentioned, I'll come up with travel funds if it takes that. The continuity of your relations, especially on the threshold of the summer, is important. I'm really glad that it is working out for you and Carl," I added. "You are two of my favorite people! Perhaps you'd like to come out to [my home on] Cape Cod for a few days after the East Coast Gathering." Carl and Michelle did so, and I introduced them to the glorious Truro nude beach and its local leaders.

Michelle had replied on April 5, 1984: "I plan on being at the conference, but most likely will have to take you up on your offer. Going back to secretary status and pay is tough, but there just aren't many jobs out there for ex-nude beach organizers with a sales background unless I wanted to go back into straight sales again."

She was clear about the failure of Florida beach clubs to cooperate in a letter to me of Feb. 19, 1985: "The United Free Beaches never developed into the force it had the potential to be, due to some incredible egos and lack of motivation."

In the 1983-85 time frame Handler also joined NOW. She explored the position of Women Against Pornography (WAP). She wrote for the *Charlotte Observer* in favor of a healthy nudity and sexuality and against pornography. Handler wrote to me on August 28, 1984: "Cheryl Auger keeps helping me understand the feminist point of view. She lends me books on women's obsessions with their bodies, and yet still feels awful about hers. I stayed with her for several days while in New England for the NENA gathering. She is in love with a delightful woman named Laura."

"I'm doing good things for naturism on these temp jobs," she wrote. "Everywhere I go I talk about it. Many people can now say they've met a nudist/naturist. I bring the *World Guide to Nude Beaches & Recreation*. It kind of forces people to reflect on the subject. Almost all have skinny-dipped at some point."

The NLC effort was slow to start. Handler put the matter this way in a letter of April 17, 1986: "Seven months after the development of the Naturist Leadership Council, from where I sit, I think we can tentatively call it a success. It is with disappointment that I note that with two exceptions we have had no response from either the West coast or Florida."

Michelle receives a kiss from her father, celebrating her 21st birthday on Moonstone Beach, Rhode Island

As those of you who attended the original gathering in South Carolina last September will hopefully remember, I agreed to be the correspondence director for the NLC for one year, and even that time was contingent upon receiving active support from the other leaders of the NLC. The purpose of this letter is to advise all of you that effective September 1st, I will no longer be the correspondence coordinator and wish to be replaced," Handler wrote.

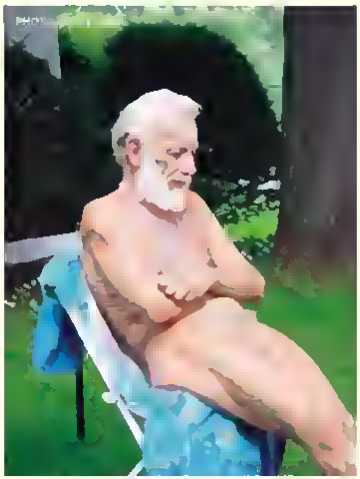
"In September I will be 26, which also marks my sixth year of active naturist leadership. My decision to take a 'leave of absence' from organized naturist leadership does not in any way affect my heartfelt commitment to the cause.

"I foresee my sabbatical lasting a minimum of one year, until September of 1987. In the planning for it, I resigned from all other activities – feminist, political, neighborhood – all of them. For a while, I wish to be 'just a member' – a role which, in naturism and every other group I've joined, I've never held. I intend to spend the year furthering my (paid) organizing career, concentrating on my writing and photography, and some deeply personal growth.

"I'll still be around – and active – in a non-responsible way. I am open to being consulted, and quite willing to discuss the future of the NLC, both at the upcoming Eastern Naturist Gathering and after September 1st. In fact, at the June gathering, I think it is critical that we discuss some of our direction and the NLC's internal operating mechanisms, as the failure of the system as set up is one of the reasons I am resigning," Handler concluded.

In leaving the central role in the NLC, Michelle Handler asserted her responsibility to personal growth and to growth as a feminist. Some spoke of her as a "burnout." John Kyff wrote, when Michelle did resume her activity. "There are many within our movement – men and women – who see you as a 'feminist' and therefore distrust you. I hope you will show them they're wrong. Be cautious and wise... I believe the best course for all is to think 'humanism'."

Morley Schloss of the Rochester Naturists had been pushing hard to form the NLC, but at this time he had his hands full transforming the ASA's Eastern Sunbathing Association. With the help of progressives like Richard Ross, TA Wyner and K Mathesius, Morley instituted a one-member-one-vote mail ballot to enfranchise the membership, and a referendum to do away with "nudist royalty pageants," which some club owners favored as money makers.



Morley Schloss listens pensively during a group discussion at the 2003 Eastern Naturist Gathering

Morley Schloss was elected ESA Vice President on the new, carefully monitored mail ballot. Another progressive, Beth Glatt, was elected President. Glatt soon stepped down in favor of Morley as President. This progressive ESA Board now hired Kevin Kearney, an experienced Washington lobbyist who had worked for the Sierra Club, to represent ESA in the U.S. Congress. Kearney was the first lobbyist ever employed by a nudist or naturist organization. ASA director Arne Eriksen noticed, wanted Kearney working for ASA too, and told ESA he'd split the cost. However, Eriksen found Kearney's casual, jokey style unappealing and fired him from both organizations. Morley proposed that The Naturist Society hire him and I did so.

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Kearney provided the Naturist Action Committee with a plan to visit Congress that the NACsters performed with joy. I personally found myself a seat on the Senate subway next to Sen. John Warner (R., Va.). He had to hear me out as I quizzed him about a memorandum written on several sheets of a yellow legal pad, apparently in Warner's handwriting but unsigned, discovered by Turner Stokes of the National Capital Naturists in the file of complaints about beach nudity maintained by Assateague Island National Seashore. Warner wouldn't admit to his role, but he learned we were a visible and audible constituency.

At the end of that lobbying day Kearney led us to a meeting with attorneys employed in the office of Sen. Richard Byrd (R., WV). As Kearney beamed, they gave us a great gift: the Senator was considering a rule change for the Dept. of Interior authored by Kearney, permitting nude beaches. We were asked to find seats around an imposing walnut conference table in Byrd's inner office and await the answer. Ten, fifteen minutes passed. An attorney was called to a phone, interrupting our reverie. Bad news. Sen. Byrd refused to sponsor our bill.

I quickly sensed we were duped. The Senator's attorneys and our NAC lobbyist conspired in rewarding our zeal with a dash of adrenaline, keeping the pinata well out of reach. It wouldn't do to offend either us or Byrd: happy us, oblivious Senator. I thought of Shakespeare's words: "As flies to little boys, so we to the gods. They kill us for their sport."

Nonetheless, Kevin Kearney had cut through the Washington miasma and delivered us a thrilling day of contact and interaction with the suits atop Capitol Hill.

I have digressed into the early 1990s. From our beginnings in the early 1980s, Morley's continual off-committee support was possibly the most crucial element maintaining our fitfully forward movement. Eventually, effective government affairs committees and resources were developed within TNS and ASA and some degree of cooperation between ASA and TNS initiated. Morley's vigorous role in founding the Naturist Action Committee in 1990 was the outcome of this vision.

In the year of Handler's disengagement, not much had happened. I was eager to win Michelle Handler back. As the 1987 Eastern Naturist Gathering neared, I wrote to Michelle on May 16 about what I told John Fitzgerald: "We cannot continue with no day by day input and guidance and correspondence by the leadership. I am coming to Pine Tree intent on seeing the NLC dissolved if it does not evolve an effective executive at this ENG. I think this shocked John," I continued. "Can he not see how disastrous his failure to do anything has been? However he agreed to step down from the chair. We didn't discuss who would replace him. I do want it to be you and I can't imagine the 'fear of feminists' could prevent it." Finally, I noted: "In the wings is [John] Kyff and his off-the-wall hostility to us." Indeed.

At the Eastern Naturist Gathering of June 14, 1987 at Pine Tree in Maryland, the NLC people present moved to restructure in order to *reactivize*. Michelle Handler attended but seemed to be distracted with a new beau. When the NLC election started, she was nowhere to be found. A half-hour later, her mother Marianna wandered in. I took Marianna aside to urge her to find Michelle, which she did. On the

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strength of my nomination, Michelle was awarded an expanded role as director. John Sprague of Buckeye Naturists (Columbus, Ohio) became the chair.

Just after the ENG, on June 22, I wrote to Michelle: "Although rushing for departure for Hungary, I've read through the sheaf of copies of your recent correspondence [with potential NLC leaders]. I'm impressed with the new firmness and clarity with which you're operating ... you have my love and respect."

Michelle planned to keep July for personal time, partly at her and NENA's home – Moonstone Beach in Rhode Island – then in August go traveling for NLC contact purposes. But in mid-August she was still in Rhode Island, and yet uninvolved with the problems facing her home Moonstone Beach. She was unleashing a massive written tantrum that would end her career as organizer.

At the end of August, she sent me a brief and bitter note, misinterpreting the appellation "founder" I'd jokingly given to NENA's beach boss Joe DiPippo in a public letter. I'd only recently assured Michelle I regarded and respected her as the founder of Moonstone's nude beach. Now, she wrote to me: "Is the role of women to be written out so easily by the hand of man?" She was preparing a tirade mailed to 200 TNS leader addresses to denounce *Clothed With the Sun* photo practices and me, rather than proceed on her organizing tour. (Her text is fully reprinted with an editor's comment in *Clothed With the Sun* 7.2 [Summer 1987], pp. 117-120.)

On September 12, 1987, I wrote Michelle: "I have stood up for you, supported you and recognized your ability and achievements all these years. You're now so quick to misconstrue my deeds." She withdrew from The Naturist Society, insisting that she could remain as director of the Naturist Leadership Council, and she ought to have a privileged platform to write in *Clothed With the Sun* magazine. Nikki Craft, the feminist pamphleteer and performance activist whom I'd employed at the Naturist office in Oshkosh, made a special friend of Michelle. On Sept. 23 Craft addressed "NLC member groups" on her letterhead for Naturists & Nudists Opposing Pornographic Exploitation. She approved Michelle's decision to "dissociate herself from The Naturist Society ... Any forced ousting of Michelle Handler [from the NLC], because she has been critical of Lee Baxandall's publishing practices, and even if some people think she went about it wrongly, is unfair and unethical."

Morley Schloss provides comments that seem to place this traumatic episode in context: "At the same time (1986-1992), I devoted much time to the efforts to gain Topfree Equality for women. It was not only photos in CwS, but the rejection of Nikki Craft by the other women in the Rochester Topfree Seven, which led to the disaffection and hostility of Nikki and to some extent Michelle from TNS. Nikki was hurt when the women chose Ramona Santorelli, Mary Lou Schloss and me rather than her to appear on the Donahue Show in 1986. The women had rejected Nikki's attempts to bring the pornography issue into the topfree equality discussion. Nikki went on to attempt to sabotage the Topfree Equality litigation, particularly by forcing the abandonment of appeals in a Federal case. She called Topfree Equality exploitation of women. I have always believed that feminism and naturism were complementary."

Michelle Handler's packet posted to the TNS leadership list of 200 evoked international concern. Respected ASA guru Jim Hadley wrote from Cypress Cove nudist resort in Kissimmee on August 31, 1987: "I was shocked by Michelle Handler's letter. ... Having been involved in the nudist scene for many years, I've had my share of 'poison pen' letters. Sometimes they come from sources I least expect." Jack DePree wrote as ASA vice president on Sept. 1, 1987, to suggest that TNS had brought it all down on itself: "This little rhetorical sneeze by Handler/Vadas is sadly symptomatic of how inbred and self-serving the Naturist Society and *CwS* have become. Your editorial emphasis on confrontational politics and pseudo-feminist sociology has obscured the reason why people become and remain nudists ... Do you really believe that more than a handful of Michelle Handler clones wade through your quarterly dosage of civil rights polemics and sad tales of dismal little ponds, which are no longer available for nude recreation? There is so little fun in *CwS*!" John Fitzgerald, Michelle's predecessor as NLC director, wrote to her on October 2, 1987: "In my view, your position on, and rhetoric about, this matter are both extreme and counterproductive."

John Sprague, as chair, was petitioned by NENA to call a mid-Winter meeting of NLC to discuss and potentially affirm Handler's actions. Two organizations – the River Dippers of Sacramento, Ca. and The Network of Humble, Texas – petitioned for her to be removed from office. Most didn't respond. So the NLC entities were provided a ballot to vote on Handler's fate. For ouster: South Florida Free Beaches, Tri-State Metro Naturists, National Capital Naturists, Buckeye Naturists, River Dippers, and another undetermined. Against ouster: North Carolina Naturists, Rochester Naturists, 19th Hole, Stroking Community, and Events Unlimited (now, Internaturally). NENA abstained, and Handler lost, 6 to 5.

On Oct. 5, 1987, I wrote to the Naturist Leadership Council groups: "[The Naturist Society] had nothing to do with forming NLC. Nonetheless we welcomed its premises, felt its time had come, and fully

participated in the formative and other activities through this past summer – publicizing the NLC, lending our support, even when nobody – not Handler and not Fitzgerald, the elected officers excepting John Kyff – was functioning... It's not up to us to solve the NLC problem. This we leave to you who have committed – as we did – funds, efforts and trust to the NLC and its elected officers. We hope NLC can be valuable to us all. Handler has disqualified herself from that role."

On Nov. 1, 1987 Michelle mailed a one-page Naturist Leadership Council Action Alert calling attention to the federal court challenge of the nudity prohibition at Cape Cod National Seashore. She asked donations to NENA's Cape Cod Legal Fund. Then, hoping to reestablish herself in NLC with a show of leadership, on Jan. 8, 1988 Handler mailed to the NLC name groups from Charlotte, North Carolina, a final NLC packet of copied news and letters, with tips on community organizing from a Charlotte non-beach group. This stirred no discussion. On Feb. 12, Marianna Handler mailed to The Naturist Society her resignation. A search of membership records showed Michelle Handler had never obtained a Naturist Society card.

While the disheartening fracas over Michelle Handler dragged on and on, the hope of a national coordinating organization for naturist action and education was slipping away.

In an effort to elude the bitterness of the past and broaden the involvement, the title Naturist Leadership Council was dropped, Naturist/Nudist Leadership Council substituted. At the 1988 Eastern Naturist Gathering placed at Camp Akiba in Maryland, TNS and ASA leaders held several meetings to work out the procedures. Unlike NLC, an organization of organizations, NNLC would be an organization of individuals. The ASA Bulletin for August 1988 ran major recognition of the development: "It is important to note that the NNLC has the backing and cooperation of both the ASA and The Naturist Society. This will be the first time that the two organizations have worked together on a project of this magnitude and importance. It is through this kind of cooperation that nudists and naturists will eventually get the rights and privileges that we deserve."

The former NLC leadership chair, John Sprague, and other NLC activists like Morley Schloss and Mark Orpen, plus Arne Eriksen and Lee Baxandall became the Restructuring Committee for NNLC. A new Steering Committee was composed of Ron Burich, the TNS director, chair, and Turner Stokes, Cec Cinder, Beachfront USA; Durand Stieger, River Dippers; Mary Lou Schloss, Rochester Naturists, George McCormack, Minnesota Naturists, and Ed Stimpson, Utah Naturists.

John Kyff continued to pursue his initiative in legal research, leading to an unexpected interest of the AANR director, Arne Eriksen, to work with the NNLC. A Naturist/Nudist Leadership Council conference of lawyers advocating nudity rights was held on February 25, 1989 at Holiday Inn of Washington Dulles Airport. (See *Clothed With the Sun* 8.4 pp. 60-65.) Eriksen, AANR legal counsel Bob Page, AANR-Midwest lawyer Jawn Bauer, past AANR president Turner Stokes and his attorneys John McGeehan and Alan Rosenblum appeared. So too Robert Ellis Smith of the *Privacy Newsletter*, Michael Corbin of the Online Naturists, and Leland D. Beverage and Joseph R. DiPippo of the New England Naturist Association attended.

Tom Egbert, president of the Tri-State Metro Naturists, was present with her lawyer Mark Guralnick. In 1990 Egbert would be elected the first Chair of the Naturist Action Committee and the Naturist Education Foundation. After her tragically early death in 1995 the online Toni

The 1988 Eastern Naturist Gathering found this unprecedented assembly forming the Naturist/Nudist Leadership Council. First row, from left: Leland Beverage, Mary Lou Schloss, Morley Schloss, Turner Stokes, Lee Baxandall, and Mark Orpen. Second row, from left: Hugh Kilmer, Ron Burich, Arne Eriksen, John Sprague, John Kyff, Larry Landrum, and Bern Loibl.

Egbert Naturist Law Library was named after her. John Fitzgerald videotaped all presentations to have them available in the future. TNS' NAC and AANR's GAT would emerge from this early cooperation.

Toni Egbert

The June 16-18, 1989 Eastern Naturist Gathering at Camp Barrett sought to further TNS-AANR cooperation. But AANR's director, Arne Eriksen, created new problems. At the gathering he released The ASA Nudist Legal Directory, without crediting NNLC. He warned Bob Page that as an AANR employee he could not take a place on the NNLC board. He told Turner Stokes he could not be identified as AANR on the NNLC board.

Eriksen also announced he'd contracted with Naturist photographer Jerry Derbyshire to produce an AANR calendar. This disturbed me. I had a proprietary feeling about Derbyshire. I'd discovered him and branded the *World Guide to Nude Beaches and Recreation* with his images. But I had shared Derbyshire's phone number with Eriksen's secretary when she phoned. Still, I didn't want his distinctive eye to become blurred by traditional nudist club cliches. A Derbyshire calendar had been a longheld intention. I mentioned it to some NNLC leaders – not to Eriksen – as a possible fund raiser for NNLC with no aim of benefitting TNS. I then wrote to Eriksen of this but he proceeded with the calendar, adding a plan to illustrate the next AANR Guide to Nudist Parks with Derbyshire's pictures. "Do not blame the ASA if funding to NNLC cannot be accomplished through the means of a calendar," Eriksen wrote to me on May 22, 1989. On August 1, he issued notice to all ASA clubs: "ASA is not involved in or supportive of [Association for Clothed-Free Rights, Inc.] and there are no negotiations underway between ASA and that organization for financial assistance in any form including division of expected profits to be earned from the ASA 1990 nudist calendar. Such calendar is presently in the production stage."

Between the Feb. 25 lawyer's conference and the June 17 ENG meeting, the new cooperation had crumbled. The Naturist/Nudist Leadership Council was gone, giving way to the stillborn Association for Clothed-Free Rights.

Meanwhile, NENA's Joe DiPippo was engaged in promoting the notion of a new super-organization, an American Naturist Association with himself at its head, and AANR and TNS subordinate. All organized nudists and naturists were to join at $10/year, supporting ANA staff in performing the work previously done by AANR and TNS.

What came out of Camp Barrett were the bylaws of the Association for Clothes Free Rights, Inc. (ACFR), a foundation to accept donations. TNS member Larry Landrum, a community college teacher at Blacksburg, Virginia, had led the discussion and was available to serve as the registered agent. ACFR lacked naturist participants and went nowhere. Meanwhile, Michael Gesner, the nudist entrepreneur current owner of Tri-State Sun Club, had bid for the privilege of organizing ENG 89. He turned over key positions – especially Press Officer – to an AANRite who directed reporters to AANR spokespersons on the grounds. For example, German television was directed away from Johanna Baxandall, a native German speaker, and to the implanted AANRite. The unauthorized press controller also held orientation sessions for first-time gathering goers where he put out an AANR line.

Michelle Handler was formally thanked by NNLC chair John Sprague for her "many years of help and support in our movements. It is our intent to address feminist issues as well as naturist/nudist issues. We look forward to working together for our common goals and wish you the best in your current endeavors."

Sprague, too, would take himself out of play. He declined to attend the June gathering or he considered for the ACFR board. I phoned John. He said he had been promoted to police sergeant on the Columbus force and no longer had the time. I wrote to him on July 26, 1989: "ACFR lacks a direct carry-over from NNLC, except for the treasury transfer... Thanks for all you did to hold the loose coalition together through very trying times!"

In Sacramento, Durand Stieger had been impatiently watching all this. He mistrusted the maturity of almost everyone. He held out on joining NLC in 1985, reluctantly doing it in 1986, persuaded in part by Michelle Handler's assurances that NLC could impose no policies on his River Dippers and would be only a resource. To Durand's dismay, Michelle tried to impose her idea of feminism on his naturism. He voted for Michelle's ouster. Durand would be back in 1990, leading the formation of NAC.

On April 21, 1988 Dr. John Myers wrote to me and Michelle Handler in reproach: "Come on kids! Cut it out! You will come to the 'Pond' and get it out of your systems. I will furnish all the green mud needed for you two to square off and splat one another till you can't scoop up another handful. You will then crawl back to the cabin where you both will sit, let your mud coat dry, while you listen to a lecture from 'Uncle John L.' Subject: 'What you both have in common' and how

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the 'Basic' idea is larger than the sum of both your large egos! Love to you both, John L."

The founder of Central Florida Free Beaches, Chris Phelps, deserves a word in this matter. Michelle aided his start-up. On October 22, 1987 Chris wrote to me: "Handler's letter reveals how far she has departed from the mainstream of naturist thinking. While naturists and feminists share many values, their agendas are distinctively different, as this controversy has made clear."

The Nov. 1987 newsletter of South Florida Free Beaches (Tom Chittenden, chair) stated: "Our board has passed a resolution 'reaffirming our support and commitment to the Naturist Society, the Naturist Leadership Council and the ASA, and disassociating with Michelle Handler.'"

The final words may have been written by Sherri Greene, Secretary of The Sanibel Naturists, in a letter to Michelle Handler. The Sanibel Naturists emerged directly from Michelle's organizing efforts in Florida while in TNS employ during 1982-83. The Sanibel Naturists proved durable and may be seen as her greatest success.

"*Clothed With the Sun* has served its membership well," Sherri Greene wrote, "despite its occasional inconsistencies. It functions as a vehicle for divergent thought, and a forum for opinion and observation. Perhaps Baxandall does not live up to the requirements of 'Philosopher Prince' as editor, but opening *Clothed With the Sun* to democratic review might eliminate the controversial and necessary articles, which push the movement forward. Considering the mostly male readership, feminist viewpoint might be the first to suffer with this approach. Many TNS readers are as much put off by radical feminism as they are by blatant male chauvinism."

"While the photos in 'Summer Memories' were reminiscent of male magazines of early sixties, we did not feel that they were in bad taste. Perhaps they did not portray nude living adequately, and may have been unnecessary, but thin white and pretty ladies are welcome to enjoy solitary naturism too, right? Would Ms. Vadas have protested if the pictures were of someone old, fat, homely or black? Beware of policy decisions made under protest, or TNS runs the risk of becoming rule-bound and inflexible like the old-fashioned nudist colonies, and lose its broad appeal.

"A person like yourself, with strong convictions and the willingness to act on them, is invaluable to society and to TNS as well. We of the Sanibel Naturists recognize your contribution to TNS, and your role in organizing our group in particular. We would sadly miss your clear and rational input."

Photos of the Naturist/Nudist Leadership Council conference held at Dulles Airport in Feb. 1989.

ASA President Turner Stokes, ASA Director Arne Ariksen, and NENA Director Joe Dipippo appear for form a special interest group as they listen to the Naturist/Nudist Lawyers Conference at Dulles International Airport in February 1989.

ASA Lawyer Bob Page (left) participates and National Capital Naturists' John Kyff organized the event.

Toni Egbert and Leland Beverage listen in while John Fitzgerald captures it on videotape.

Joe Dipippo banters with Lee Baxandall at conference.

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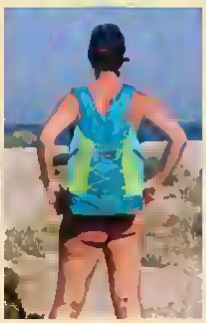
Bare Beach Essentials

by Theresa O'Shea

It's most definitely that time of year when we're all packing up beach bags and mini fridges and sunshades and lilos and sunbeds and blow-up pillows and snorkels and underwater i-pods. Or not? Perhaps you're not a kitchen-sink naturist, and all you need is a towel, some sun cream and a nice juicy crime novel / romance / bonkbuster.

For me, it seems the older I've gotten the more encumbered I've become, though I still prefer a towel to a sunbed. In the height of summer we always take a sunshade and a soft cooler bag with a few beers (half-frozen beforehand), water, fruit, and maybe some sandwiches. The restaurant at Almayate, our local beach, gets totally packed out, so a picnic lunch make more sense. Off-season, we travel lighter and usually have lunch on the restaurant terrace. Apart from sun cream and a sarong, the one essential item for me is a peaked cap - otherwise I get a horrible pink scalp! Oh, and my camera. Even when I'm not planning to work, I'll grab my baby Coolpix just in case. Brightly colored towels, too, as photo props. When traveling from home we throw everything in a large woven basket we bought in Morocco, and when we're "on holiday" we pack up a medium-size hiker's rucksack. No prizes for guessing who usually carries it.



So that's us. What about other naturists living in or coming from different parts of the world. I talked to a cross-section of beach-goers from the UK, Spain, Argentina and the USA and found out just what they need on a day trip to their favorite / local naturist beach.

Mike and Betty Platts (UK)

Obviously where you live makes a huge difference. Mike and Betty, whose nearest naturist beaches are Slapton Sands and Budleigh Salterton in Devon, approach a day at the beach rather like going into battle. At the top of the list is an igloo-type tent - "to keep possible wind and rain out," along with a small hammer and tent pegs and a dustpan and brush. The beaches are shingle so they also take airbeds and a pump, "solvent to

Mike and Betty Platts

clean off possible seagull poo on clothes and tar on feet," a bottle of red wine and unbreakable wine glasses, a thermos flask with warm drink and plenty of food (no amenities at these isolated beaches), and finally, a pair of good walking boots for traversing the mile or so of shingle to get to the naturist bit. "So you can see," says Mike, "why: a., we tend to go abroad or b., use our own secluded garden." Oh well, at least they don't need a sunshade.

Nigel and Nikki Bradley (Spain)

The owners of Finca los Etera, a luxury naturist all-inclusive near the Costa del Sol, find it hard to drag themselves away from their own private paradise. However, Nikki tells me, what they take with them when they do go to the beach has changed enormously since living in Spain. "Before, when we were on holiday, perhaps in the Canaries, we would always search out the naturist beach, then one day, once we would have a quick recce to check what it was like, the next day we would be there with towels, suncream, parasol, cold drinks and a picnic, and possibly something to read. Now, beach trips are very spur-of-the-moment, so we keep towels and suncream in the car, and that's it!" That really is the way to go!

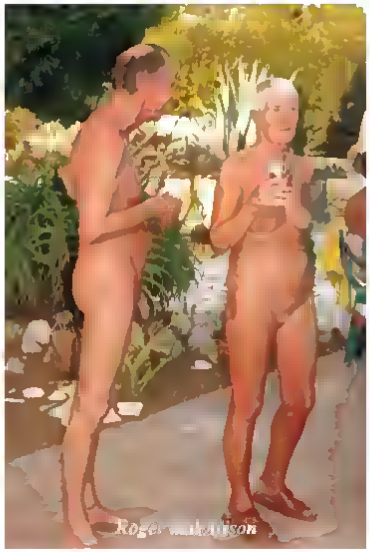
Roger and Alison (Spain)

Roger and Alison, who moved out to Javea on the Costa Blanca three years ago, are regular visitors to their local naturist beaches, the lovely but pebbly Cumbre del Sol and the official naturist beach just north of Gandia, which, they tell me, is "a lovely, long, sandy and backed by dunes."

"We like to travel lightly," says Roger, "unlike the Spanish, who seem to bring everything for their full paella lunches on Sundays – including the kitchen sink and tables and chairs! We only take the essential: a parasol, light folding mattresses – a must on the pebbly beach – cold drinks and sandwiches in a cold box. Oh, and factor 20 of course, which we frequently apply."

If one of the great selling points of naturism is the sense of freedom it brings, then perhaps it's only logical that we should aim to be as uncluttered as possible at the beach. Looking back on the holidays he and Alison spent in Cap D'Agde, Roger comments: "My greatest delight was to walk the length of the beach with no clothes and absolutely no accouterments whatsoever

Nigel and Nikki Bradley


Roger and Alison

Not even a set of keys if I could help it! So much better than those who couldn't even leave their mobile phones behind in my opinion." (I know what he means. I took mine along the other Sunday morning and was horrified to get a call from the hospital about an appointment.)

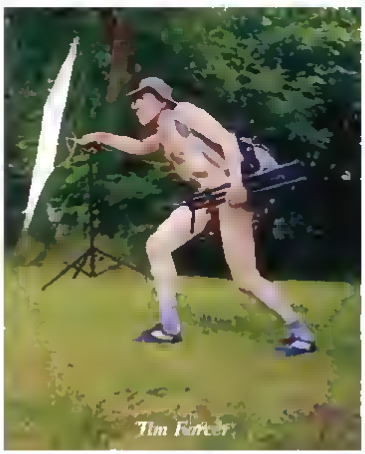
Mercedes and Gregorio (Spain)

This Spanish-Argentinian couple's list is similar to mine and Guengo's. Says Mercedes: "We take water, beer, books or magazines, towels, a sunshade and suncream. We usually have lunch in a chiringuito (beach bar/restaurant), though we'll sometimes take sandwiches with cheese and tomato, tuna or Serrano ham." If you've ever met anyone from Argentina you'll know that they are addicted to yerba mate (pronounced ma-tay), a sort of green tea that you brew up in a special pot. Well, according to Gregorio, "For Argentinians it's normal to take mate and a flask of hot water to the beach." And Gregorio is no exception. Their couple's favorite local beach is Cabo Pino near Marbella.

Cascade Lineback (Seattle, USA)

Cascade lived in the Málaga area for two years before going back to study in the USA. "I'd never been to any free beaches in the USA," she admits, "I guess my naturist experience started in

Spain." While Cascade was here, she and her boyfriend made as many trips as they could to the gorgeous wild beaches in the Cabo de Gata Natural Park in Almeria. Locally, Cantarrijan near Almuñecar on the Granada coast was their favourite. Her list is pretty straightforward: "Sunscreen, sarong, sunglasses, book and a bottle of water are the essentials. I'm definitely a minimalist, though if I know that I am spending all day, I'll include a sandwich, maybe beer, but I guess that's about it." The younger the person, the lighter the load, I'm sure of it!



Tim Forcer (UK)

H&E Naturist's literary critic, Tim Forcer, is nothing if not prepared, whether hopping around the Greek Islands or driving to Studland and other beaches on the south coast of England. Top of his list is his GPS: "For Greek beaches I use this not just so I know where I've been and can find the beach, but so I can let others know how to get there using Cap'n Barefoot's excellent website." As a keen photographer, a camera is also essential. However, says Tim, "It will often stay in its case inside the rucksack – particularly in Britain where photographers on naturist beaches are objects of grave suspicion." A book – we wouldn't expect anything less – is also important. Quite sensibly, he also packs plastic sandals ("One experience digging out sea-urchin spines was quite enough"), a first aid kit and a Swiss Army penknife. I just bet he was boy scout once upon a time ...

Perhaps, though, even more important than the GPS and all the other stuff – is his wife. "Not," he hastens to add, "because single male naturists are objects of suspicion, but because even after all these years we still enjoy one another's company." Which is rather nice.

Jillian Freyman (Canada)

I've been to the beach with my good friend Jillian on many occasions – and she is definitely the most kitchen-sink person I know! She wrote me a list. It has 24 items on it – and I think she's forgetting the fold-up table and chairs and six-pack. "I like to be comfortable and I don't like to get bored, so I need my i-pod, an inflatable cushion, crosswords, a book, magazines, tobacco, a roach clip and a plastic reading chair. "I also like to swim a lot and get some exercise, so I usually take goggles and flippers." Her list is slightly shorter for Canadian/US beaches. "The sun isn't as strong as in Spain, so I don't need hair protector spray, headbands or a hat. On the other hand, the seabed is really stony in Vancouver so water shoes are a must."

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Bette Midler Lyrics

"Otta Thatcha"

The rain waits for the story
It anticipates the day the world subjects
Its pain and
Music is lost in overload. The lie the story.

The narrator remembers locations, names, garments, but all memories are tricky when
crying women and priests tower by the pyres
Otta Thatcha

Thatcha was there
the answer to the Otta Thatcha
What happened The Thatcha that the
Thatcha is a question

Thatcha and there and I have it about
it

The Thatcha, Thatcha and What
had nothing to do was very important to silence.
Who by the the and of What he Thatcha
memorial hands, but that some Thatcha Thatcha
were, Thatcha.

One night in the pyres he saw an Asia
he had to marry her but they would visit
regularly but they stayed in mainland the hill
the last pyre stayed by the night of house
upper on.

On the road There she knew
Kamakhya nearby the hush was a room
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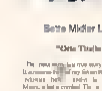

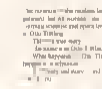

KEFALONIA NATUR

by Charlie Simonds

It really isn't surprising that Vassaliki Naturist Club has had such a successful first season, given the youthful enthusiasm and meticulous attention to detail of its delightful owners, Mark and Sam. Two years in the planning saw Mark and Sam's dream come into being for the start of the 2007 season and Vassaliki has already become a popular naturist destination – and rightly so. Kefalonia, which recently enjoyed a short-lived surge of fame when it was featured in the book and subsequent film of Captain Corelli's Mandolin, is the largest of the Greek Ionian islands and enjoys naturist-friendly weather from May through to the end of October when direct flights to the island are available from the UK. We – Joceline, Sam, Faye and I – flew out from Gatwick with Excel Airways for the last week in September when we had wall to wall blue every day bar one and even that was only mildly overcast. The flight was just less than three hours and, once we had collected our hire car, the drive to Vassaliki following the simple detailed directions given to us in advance, only took us fifteen minutes. On arrival we were warmly welcomed by Mark, Sam and Ian, the latter who has been helping out during the summer. The three girls were allocated the spacious two bedroom/two bathroom family room and I occupied one of the top floor studios. All twelve air conditioned apartments are immaculate and each is comprehensively equipped with kitchenette, shower room and patio. We all felt "at home" immediately. A feature of a holiday at Vassaliki is the "meze" meal out at one of the local tavernas when most of the guests gather around a large table and share a relaxed evening of Greek food and drink at modest cost. Our first evening was one such occasion and it proved to be great fun and an easy way to get to know some of the other guests.

Our first full day started at the

pool bar with breakfast – your stay can be totally self catering if you want it to be and for that there are well stocked local supermarkets – but for us planning our day first thing with coffee and toast by the pool in the warming sun was just perfect. The pool bar is open at meal-times and, when it isn't, an honesty system allows drinks to be taken from the fridge and charged to your account at the end of your stay. The pool itself is magnificent and is spotlessly maintained – it's also big enough to ensure that it can never feel overcrowded. Our photo shoot in the pool was hilarious with Ian and Faye's attempt to recreate a well-known scene from the movie Dirty Dancing providing an impromptu comic cabaret. Sarah, a highly qualified local masseuse, is regularly on hand to provide one of her range of massages to provide some holiday pampering – a session of her healing hands with each of the girls had them so relaxed that it was difficult getting them to concentrate on our filming for at least a couple of hours afterwards.

After lunch on the first day we visited the first of many naturist beaches that almost appear to litter the island's coast line. The Vassaliki web site – www.vasnat.com – about which more later – lists a dozen such beaches with three of those mentioned being only twenty minutes drive from the resort. We filmed the six to which Sam and Mark introduced us during our all too short stay and they each had their own individual charm but they all had crystal clear sea in common – and, of these six, three had little tavernas located at the textile end of the beach.

The two boat trips are a Vassaliki speciality and an absolute 'must' for any visitor. The first we enjoyed was a day's sailing in an Oceanis 393 yacht visiting remote beaches and enjoying a naked lunch on board halfway through the day. The second was in a huge powerfully engined 'rib' – an inflatable motor boat

to the uninitiated!

Even with its maximum of ten passengers it fairly zips along, providing additional opportunities to visit more remote beaches and enjoy a fabulous albeit textile lunch at a wonderfully rustic taverna, to the accompaniment of enthusiastic quacking from the three resident house-trained ducks. After lunch, it was only a swift rib ride to an amazing naturist beach with cliffs of clay with which everyone daubed themselves and each other for no reason other than the clay's supposedly skin rejuvenating properties.

Kefalonia is a lovely island where everyone greets you with a smile and, mercifully, it's not in any way overdeveloped. Its cosmopolitan capital, Argostoli, itself only fifteen minutes drive from the resort, has a splendid assortment of restaurants and local markets and is well worth a visit, as are the stalactited / talacmited Drogarti caves and the Melisani underground lagoon. We also took in a wine tasting at a local co-operative vineyard – you'll have to see the film to discover the effect it had on Joss!

Of course, Sam and Mark have plans for the future and, while these are modest for next year, they hope to build three Swiss-style chalets on site for the '09 season. That said they are very concerned that Vassaliki does not lose its special intimate atmosphere and we have to say 'amen' to that. Their weekly barbecue exemplifies this special atmosphere with Mark playing the bongos while a chum of his plays the guitar as a background to the guests who, having enjoyed an enormous meal, take part in the fiercely fought Vassaliki Giant Jenga Championship – whoever finally tumbles the tall pile of wooden bricks will find his or her name permanently enshrined on the one that caused the collapse!

Finally, particular mention must be made of the aforementioned Vassaliki web site – www.vasnat.com. I have never seen such a comprehensive web site for a naturist facility. It contains every conceivable piece of information about what's on offer both at Vassaliki and on this beautiful island, and how to arrange your flights and book your holiday there. Mark and Sam deserve so much credit for what they've achieved so far in this, their first season, and Joss, Sam, Faye and I recommend a Vassaliki naturist holiday without reservation – we'd love to go back and we wish Mark and Sam every possible success for the future. Our film, *Kefalonia Naturally ~ Vassaliki*, shows you what it's all about.

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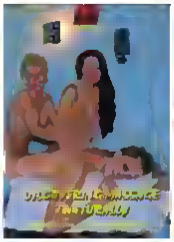
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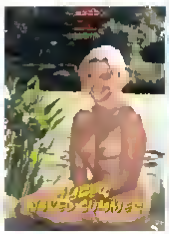
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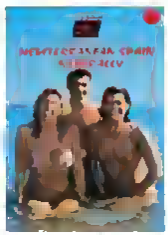
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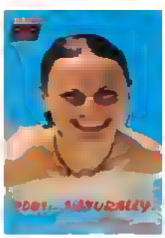
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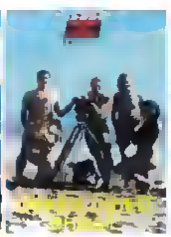
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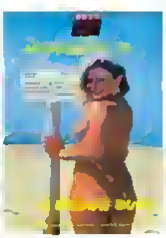
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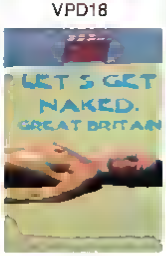

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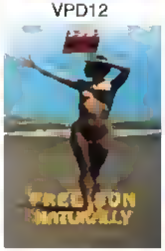
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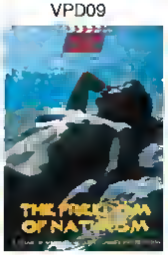
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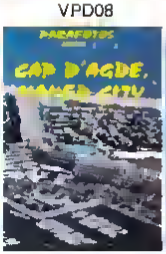
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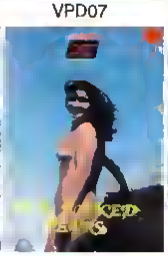
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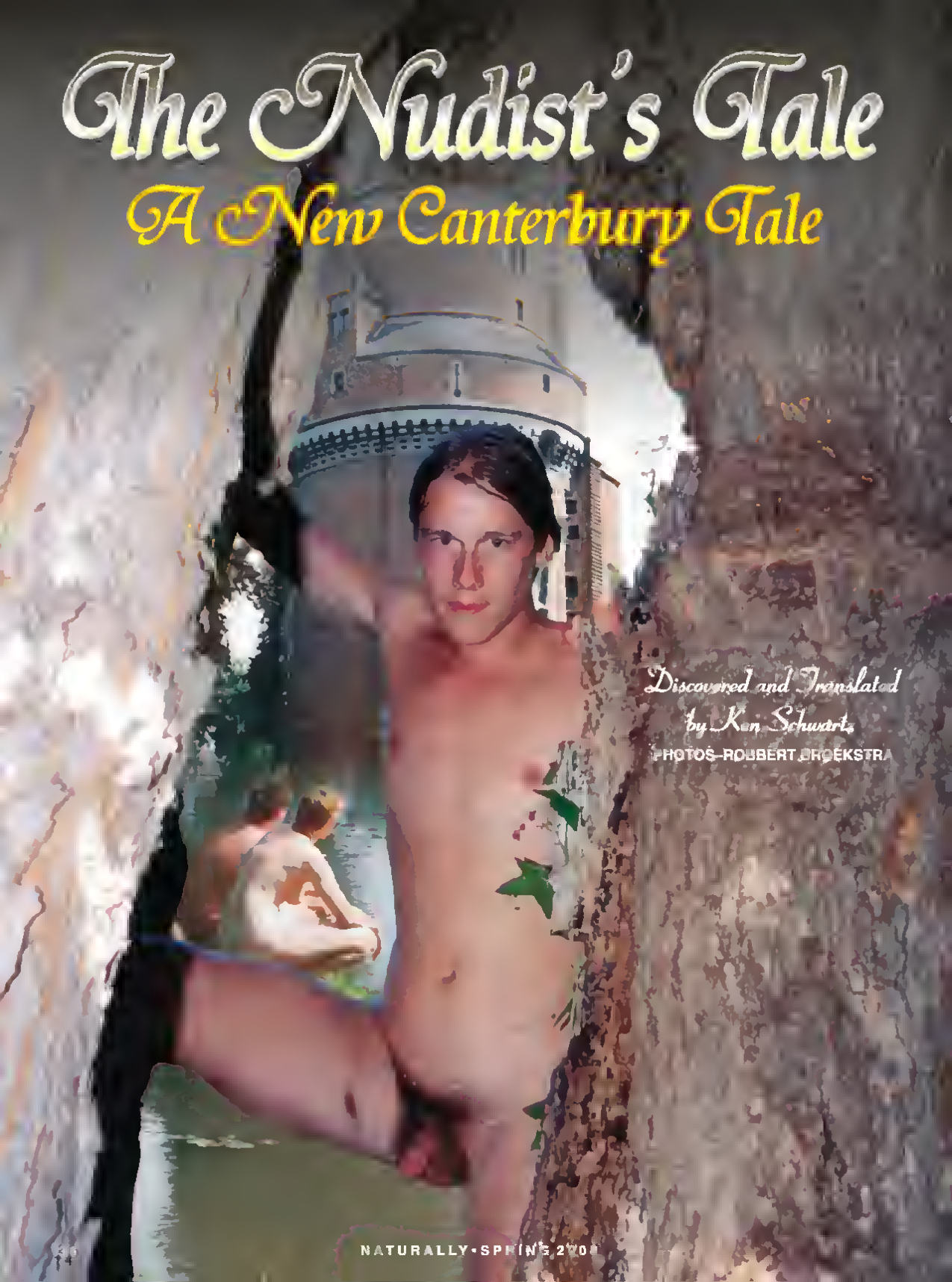

Discovered and Translated
by Ken Schwartz
PHOTOS–ROLBERT BROEKSTRA

A carriage sat in dire circumstance
When a knight errant and his squire, by chance,
Arrived upon the woeful scene to find
The victims of a brigand most unkind.
Sir Paul and Thomas, as the pair were known,
Found two young women traveling alone
Who had been waylaid by a highwayman.
"He took our money, chased our horse, and ran
Into the woods," one of the women said,
"But not before he knocked me on the head.
We can't describe his face; no need to ask
He kept it covered with a yellow mask."
Paul tended to the women's injuries,
Then he and Thomas rode into the trees

They tracked the knave to a cloistered stockade
He'd appeared to have entered to evade
Pursuers, should there happen to be some,
But had not fancied such a knight would come.
Paul dismounted and rapped upon the gate.
It cracked open, and out popped a bare pate.
What Paul could see below made him aware
The pate was just the least of what was bare
"I pray you sir," asked Paul, "let us inside.
It seems a highwayman came here to hide.
The knave, perhaps a stranger, is about,
And we are on a quest seeking him out."
The man replied, "Please, sir, don't think me rude,
But all who enter here must do so nude.
We put each person's clothes into a sack
That stays tied fast 'til their owner comes back.
A stranger is within, I do confess,
But to search for the man you must undress."

Tom's mouth fell open wide as the blue sea
When Paul informed the man, "'Tis fine with me."

In minutes Paul and Tom stood wholly bare
Among the many nudists who were there.
Tom made a codpiece with his trembling hands
Lest anyone behold his private glands.
The two surveyed the most uncommon scene
Teeming with nudists, tall, short, fat, and lean.
They saw no clothes to bespeak trades or stations.
No smocks or cloaks gave signs of situations.
They saw no cooks, no carriers of roods,
No millers, grooms, or herdsmen, only nudes.
Tom turned and turned for all the flesh to see
And, thus distracted, walked into a tree.
The knight and squire watched nudists exercise,
Enjoy the sun, play games, and socialize.
But Paul's discerning eye did not detect
A man the knight was disposed to suspect
Of having robbed and run, and so the pair
Walked on to find what others might be there.

A pathway led the pair to a small shed
With "steam chamber" marked on the door in red.
As Paul explained how poxes can be purged,
The door opened, and a woman emerged.
Engulfed in steam, damp, ruddy-faced, and stout,
She granted that a stranger was about.
"Indeed! He claimed in steam chambers he rests
His face between a hearty woman's breasts.
He asked of me if I might be so good
To let him do so, and I said I would

But then with boiling water I made steam
So thick you'd think you were swimming in cream.
I stood and turned and presented my cheeks,
And the stranger pressed his nose where it reeks.
He didn't shut the door on his way out.
He took this path, to judge from his last shout."
With stifled smile, Paul expressed gratitude,
Then he and Tom again pursued their mude.

Ere long they came upon a nudist crowd,
Observing feats that made all cheer aloud.
The throng was there to see contestants take
Turns pitching horseshoes at an iron stake.
The shoes were falling short and long and wide.
Paul knew he could do better if he tried,
So he stepped to the end of short queue
And soon enough was aiming a black shoe.
Paul spoke these words just as he loosed his throw
"This end each brigand's neck should come to know."
His aim was true; his horseshoe hit the stake
With such a clang it made the sleeping wake,
The crowd, including Tom, was rightly awed,
And all commenced to cheer, stomp, and applaud
'Til Tom realized he'd used his hands to clap
And quickly placed them back into his lap.
Paul then approached a man with silver hair
And asked whether a stranger had been there.
"Why, yes, besides you two there was a man.
I noticed that his shin did not look tan.
The stranger went that way," the nudist said.
He looked toward a stone path and tipped his head.
Paul thanked the man, and he with Tom walked on
To further search out where their knave had gone.

After a time, they came upon a maid
Beneath an elm bough, weaving in the shade
No prettier girl had knight or squire e'er seen.
No hair so gold, no eyes so piercing green,
No limbs so finely formed, nor breasts so round.
Tom thought it was a wood nymph they had found
As Thomas stood transfixed, his jaw hung slack
Until Sir Paul gave his white rump a smack.
"Please tell me, maid," said Paul, "if you could say
Whether you saw a stranger pass this way."
"Indeed," said she, "a stranger who was rude
Saluted me in a manner most crude
He asked if I might go with him alone
And let him entertain me with his bone.
I pointed out the path that he should take
To throw all of his bones into the lake.
He went that way," she nodded toward a path,
"To cool himself or to avoid my wrath."
Paul thanked the maid, and he and Tom then trod
In the direction of the nude girl's nod.

Sir Paul and Tom found the lake in a minute,
And every person within sight was in it.
The highwayman was 'mongst them without doubt,
And, being shrewd, Paul could single him out
There on the shore just paces from the lake
Paul spied a branch that resembled a snake.
He hurled the branch and, just before it splashed,
He bellowed, "snake," and every nudist dashed
Out of the water onto the dry land
Where, all save one, they revealed they were tanned.
The brigand then was easy to detect,
For he alone was fair and stood erect.
"You are a villain, sir," declared the knight,
And the brigand yielded without a fight.

Ere long the highwayman sat in a gaol.
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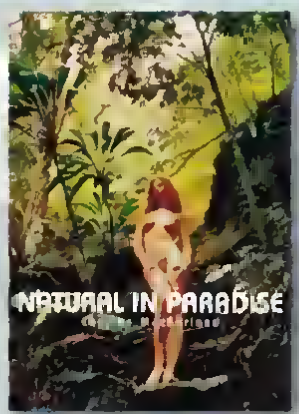

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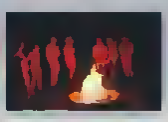

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LUZ ENDS

by Duncan and Susanne Laurence

Ever since he was ten he's been fascinated by the Moors. He was born in Spain and grew up in the Canary Islands. He studied in Madrid and Barcelona, and he's been a Spanish citizen for many years. But he's never been to Morocco.

Now he's on a ferry from Algeciras to Tangier, and he's excited. He's been looking forward to this for a long time. He's been looking forward to it for so long that he's afraid he's built it up in his mind to the point where it can't possibly live up to his expectations.

He's not a tourist. He's a writer, and he's come to Morocco to research a book. He's been researching it for a long time, and he's been looking forward to this trip for a long time. He's been looking forward to it so much

is sandy, clean, empty during the week and very beautiful. Atlantic rollers crash in relentlessly but the water is not cold. It can be windy, though, this coastline is popular with windsurfers. There is a bar on the beach and several more on the way back to the main road. A lovely spot, well worth seeking out.

Another place meriting a trip is Bolonia. It is off the N340 between Tarifa and Vejer. Again, look for the signpost on the seaward side. This village has a magnificent beach called El Lentiscal and the further attraction of the ruined roman town of Baelo Claudia.

The excavation has revealed an identikit township with forum, basilica, temple, theater and baths all preserved. Entry is free to EU Citizens.

Beyond the ruins lies a stretch of pines, dunes and sand that is the naturist area. On our visit, it was more a case of "spot the naturist" – there were very few people around. But it was scenic and worth the ten-minute walk to get there. Fortunately, there are several bars and restaurants in the village if you get tired of the solitude.

But best of all for me are the Calas de Canos de Meca. Once you find Canos de Meca, a sleepy, hippy-style pueblo just south of Cabo de Trafalgar, park on the main street. Don't go on the beach, but follow the road to its eastern end. Enter the Parc Natural, turn to the sea and drop down the first gully to the sands. (No good if you are unfit or disabled.) The first thing you will see is plenty of naturists – it is a popular spot so they outnumber the textiles. The second is a series of little coves, with overhanging cliffs. Just pick your spot. The sand is golden, there is a lovely view of the Trafalgar lighthouse and you can just see Africa on the horizon. Surf's up and there is plenty of passing beach life to observe. I mean, man, it's just the coolest place!

What's the weather like? Hot, basically. Does it rain? Only when we are there. As the region caters mainly to Spanish, there are few concessions – food and language-wise for other nationalities. Expect to eat late and most shops close on Sundays. There are some bars and restaurants serving the expat community (step forward The Lemon Tree in Chiclana), but you will have to look for them.

The Costa de la Luz is ideal for the adventurous naturist. Go now before the developers move in. You can find more information on the invaluable www.andalucia.com or the F.E.N. website, or www.esplaya.com.

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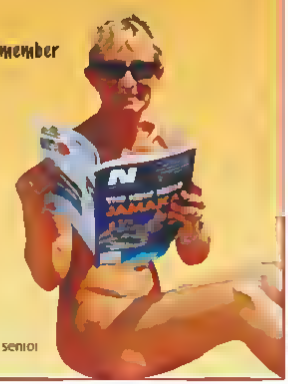

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Naturist holidays restore the mind, soul & body

by Bruce Bishop

Events happen in our lives that can be so stressful, one knows that one simply has to get out of that environment to a new place – a hot and sunny location – a destination where one can be a naturist 24/7 and not have to explain anything about one's chosen lifestyle ta anybody.

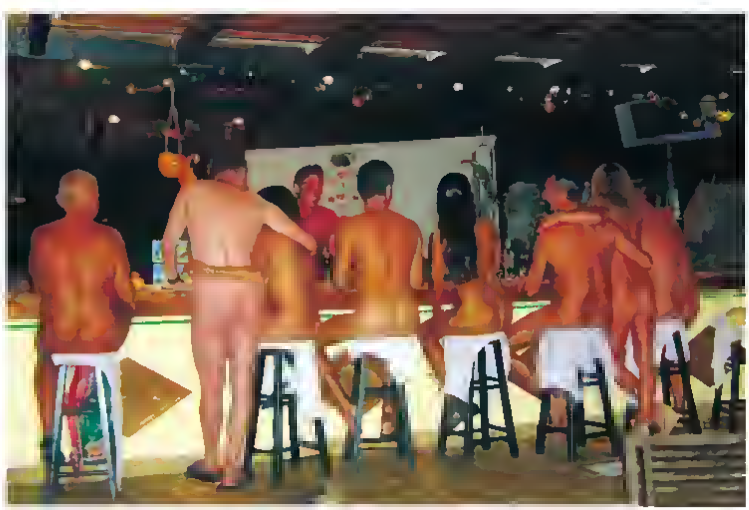
A family situation brought me to this mindset just before Christmas this past year, and I escaped to the dually owned Caribbean island of Sint Maarten/Saint Martin in the sparkling Caribbean for a week to forget my worries.

How I got there was wonderfully circumstantial. In late November, friends of mine who own the tiny, perfect naturist resort in Canada called The Oasis emailed me to say they had recently visited a small naturist hotel in Saint Martin and met my old friends Peggy and Mike, who were now managing this nudist Inn and who were trying to get the word out about its charms.

I had been spending far too many hours at the local hospital since mid-October, and decided that I had to get away – and it would be wonderful to see Mike and Peggy again, as well as revisiting this famous island for naturists that I had not been to since 2002.

In a condensed form, I found myself on a jet from Toronto flying to Saint Martin on December 15. I had not thought of Christmas, not sent out any holiday greetings – my life had been simply put on hold for two months, and now my brother was taking my place at the hospital. I was free!

When I met Mike at Queen Beatrix Airport on the Dutch side of Saint Martin, he greeted me warmly and then mentioned that he thought my luggage – all carry-ons – should be picked up by some nearby porters. I protested, until he pointed out who the porters would be: old friends of ours from Belgium, Nic and Douglas, who were visiting the island at the same time and waiting around the corner out of my eyesight. That was a bonus!



I have found over the years that naturist friends from other countries are long-lasting – we may not communicate regularly, like family members or childhood friends might do – but we do manage to keep in touch via email and through online chatgroups. This unusual predilection, perhaps, for wanting to go on nude vacations or to visit nude beaches and resorts, bonds us to one another almost instantly.

"Welcome to Cluuuuubb Fan-TAS-ti-co!," Mike boomed as we drove into the driveway of his latest job overlooking Orient Bay on Saint Martin. It had been about a 35-minute drive from the international airport in the evening.

Yes, well, Club Fantastico –

although a rather ill-chosen name, in my opinion – was indeed, fantastic. Even in the late evening, I could see that the view from the pool area was stupendous – high above Orient Bay, and someone had ordered me a full moon, too.

I joined the gang at the bar almost minutes later – nude, of course – and we all got caught up on our lives since the last time we had seen one another in the Dominican Republic in 2004.

Mike and Peggy, who had been activities directors at what was then Eden Bay Naturist Resort, moved to the Mayan Riviera area of Mexico in 2006, and worked at Hidden Beach Resort for a few months. Dissatisfied, they went back to the USA, spent some time with the parents, and then applied for their recent work at Club Fantastico on Saint Martin.

Douglas and Nic, a legally married couple from Belgium (Canada, Belgium and the Netherlands recognize gay marriage) had traveled a fair bit since 2004, but were now very busy outside Brussels with their high-end winter wear and ski-wear store, which was doing extremely well for Belgians who love winter sports.

I told them that I was continuing to be a freelance journalist, specializing in naturist destinations, but that I also was doing a fair bit of public relations and marketing work of late for non-naturist clients.

Naturally, we consumed irregular amounts of libations in celebration of meeting up again, and the fun-filled week began.

Club Fantastico is a self-contained, six-guestroom (naturist) villa located on a hill in a gated community overlooking lovely Orient Bay. A three-minute car ride or a fifteen-minute walk will take you to Orient Beach, famously known as the first legal nude beach in the Caribbean. Adjoining the beach is the equally well-known Club Orient, a nudist resort that has been in operation since 1978, founded by a smart Dutchman named Ray Brink.

Club Fantastico is a bit unusual in that it does offer terrific continental breakfasts and a complete open bar for the duration of your stay, included in your fee. Guestrooms and ensuite baths are tastefully furnished, and very comfortable. The pool and deck area is the perfect spot for spending time with that novel you never got around to reading. WiFi is almost everywhere on site.

You may never want to leave Club Fantastico for the beach, but I recommend you do so. Not only is Orient Beach safe and garbage-free, it offers bathwater-temperature swimming, and you can visit one of the many textile restaurants that front the beach, or you can dine au naturel at Club Orient's restaurant, Papagayo, or "nudely" drink at its bar, The Perch (two for one drinks are available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.) Peggy can also give you many recommendations of what and where to eat on Orient Beach.

If you happen to be on Saint Martin for a week or more, the restaurants of the nearby village of Grand Case are a must to visit, and shopping trips to the capital of Marigot are also recommended. People say there are more bargains on the Dutch side of the island, but it can be inconvenient at times to reach by car during the day – and in any event, there are no consumer taxes anywhere on this French/Dutch island. Enjoy! I sure did.

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ART FOLLOWS NATURE

by Paul LeValley

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HAIL AND FAREWELL

This is the final column of the Art Follows Nature series in *Naturally*. This is also the introductory chapter to those same columns in book form. Republication as a book has been part of the plan from the beginning.

About twenty years ago, I approached Lee Baxandall, founder of The Naturist Society and editor of *Clothed with the Sun*, sketching out a series of eleven articles – with more to follow until I had compiled a nice little survey of the nude in art history. The first column appeared in the spring of 1988. But that magazine gave top priority to current events. Issue after issue, the second installment got bumped for something more urgent. Lee's friendly comment was that I needed a lot of space.

And he was right. Twenty years later, the Art Follows Nature series had grown into the longest-running signed column in the history of the American naturist press.

After too many postponements, I began looking for a different publisher. I hesitated to move down from a national magazine to a regional one, but Bern Loibl assured me of steady publication in *The Event*. I lucked out. After two more issues, *The Event* metamorphosed from a regional magazine into one of international scope, called *Naturally*. For years, Bern ran my column as the lead story, and even advertised back issues according to which topic I had covered. He called my column the anchor of the magazine. (I hope he didn't mean that in the sense of dead weight.) Then after twelve years, the magazine transformed itself again into *Travel Naturally*, before reverting back to *Naturally* as this series drew to a close. I took a raise in pay and a demotion to the back of the magazine. Bern has been a wonderfully cooperative person to work with, and his creative layouts have added much to the presentation.

Now his company, Internaturally, is publishing the collected articles under the title, *Art Follows Nature: A Worldwide History of the Nude*. It is coming out in a series of four paperback volumes – part of them to be combined into either a hardbound library edition or a boxed set.

After all these years, I have finally covered most periods of world history. But the book is not comprehensive. There are still gaps between the chapters wide enough for all of Rubens' fat ladies to fall through. I have chosen to keep the episodic nature of the installments, and not worry much about transitions, gaps, or small repetitions. Nor have I worried about which artists are famous (for nudes or otherwise); I have used whoever's illustration makes the point most emphatically and most charmingly. William Etty and Anders Zorn, I suppose, deserve mention somewhere for painting almost nothing but classical nudes, yet none of the available examples moved me.

The book is not designed to be read all in one sitting. Each chapter was originally written to give people something to think about for the next few weeks.

Because no magazine reader would want to spend several years plodding through ancient history, I presented the installments in scrambled order as the inspiration hit or pictures became available. *Clothed with the Sun* had the curious policy of paying for pictures instead of text. So I promised to keep the cost down by limiting each article to two visual examples. But *Naturally* gloried in lots of photographs, and then led the way into all-color publication. I had begun by avoiding paintings, concentrating rather on drawings and sculptures that looked fine in black and white. For the book, I have augmented the earlier columns with additional illustrations, and moved a few examples from one chapter to another where they fit better.

Move over, Kenneth Clark

In a way, this series of articles has been my quarrel with Sir Kenneth Clark's 1956 *The Nude: A Study in Ideal Form*. In an otherwise magnificent book tracing nude Greek forms in Renaissance and later art, Clark said one really dumb thing on the first page. I too have probably said dumb things on more than one page; the problem is that, for fifty years, everybody has quoted Clark on just this silly statement.

"To be naked is to be deprived of our clothes, and the word implies some of the embarrassment most of us feel in that condition. The word "nude," on the other hand, carries, in educated usage, no uncomfortable overtone. The vague image it projects into the mind is not of a huddled and defenseless body, but of a balanced, prosperous, and confident body: the body re-formed. . . A mass of naked figures does not move us to empathy, but to disillusion and dismay. We do not wish to imitate, we wish to perfect."

Such a distinction between the words "naked" and "nude" probably does exist now, thanks to all the people who have quoted Clark – but I can find little evidence for such differentiation before then. Furthermore, what is so depraved about nakedness? Cannot the nude body also be a source of balance, beauty, inspiration, pride, and confidence? (Notice that, unlike Clark, I use the word "nude" interchangeably whether describing nude bodies or nude art.) Clark further asserted that "only in countries touching the Mediterranean has the nude been at home. . ." That is leaving out a whole lot of the world. In fact, the more I have studied various civilizations, the more I realize that the nudes we see in art often record a lot of nudity in society. More on this later.

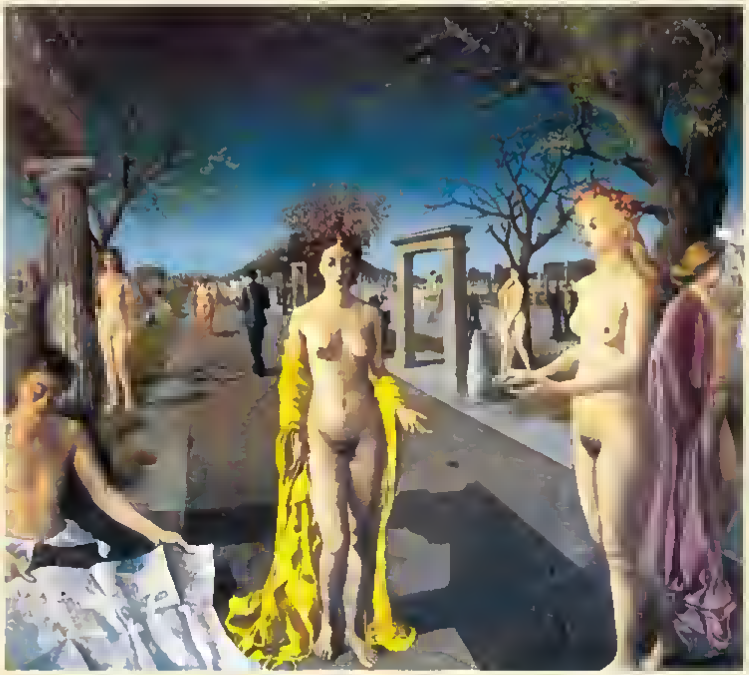
There have been worthy successors to Clark's book. Margaret Walters' 1978 *The Nude Male: A New Perspective* looked at the topic from a woman's viewpoint. Michael Gill's 1989 *Image of the Body* extended the discussion into twentieth-century abstract art. (I leave that phase to him; strewn and distorted body parts do not interest me.)

Few in the English-speaking world know a much earlier book. Wilhelm Hausenstein's 1916 *Der nackte Mensch in der Kunst aller Zeiten und Völker* took a worldwide perspective. And in a mildly Marxist way, he examined nude art as a condition arising out of the various societies. If my German were better, I might have stolen some ideas from him.

It is appropriate here to acknowledge another early scholar. Episcopal priest Enrico S. Molnar wrote in nudist magazines of the 1960s, using several pen names. Dr. Henry DeHoratev, Rev. Harry Dretheus, Dr. Henry LaTour, Dr. Henry Selley (or Shelley). His pioneering reports on ancient India and Greece are surpassed here, but his studies of nude worship among early Christian heretics and especially the Adamites remain the top in their field.

There have also been a few fluff books with pretty pictures, some books by people who confuse nudity with sex – as well as attack books by women claiming patterns of historic injustice. These hardly rise to the level of the above four classics.

So why should anyone be interested in yet another book on the topic? This is the first such book written from a naturist perspective. And it is the first



Delvaux, An Entrance to the City–*private collection*

shows us a clothing-optional world yet to be. Other artists such as Corbet took an ornery pride in painting nude bodies exactly as they saw them.

Ruhens had probably not seen any sea nymphs when he put them into his allegorical painting of Marie de' Medici. On the other hand, Louis Beroud in 1910 spoofed the hypocrisy that develops when we try to separate art from life.

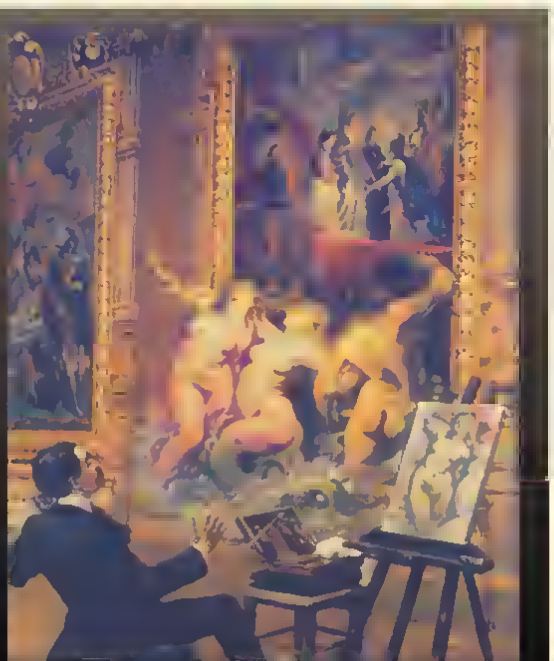
Why the nude?

So why the nude of all things? Couldn't I have better spent all these years on something more respectable? As Clark demonstrated, the nude has a long and venerated history as the very pinnacle of art. If lowbrows don't know that, I can't be bothered to shape my life around their ignorance.

Some (but certainly not all) artistic nudes are pretty to look at – to the point of inspiration. So too are lots of other paintings, like flowers or birds or landscapes. First-time naturists quickly discover that actual nudity is not a feast for the eyes; rather, it is a feast for the skin and for the very freedom of the soul. Artists, being mostly men, have often used the female nude to entice rich male buyers. But when they have something serious to say, artists tend to return to their own deepest experience: the male nude.

Nudes are important because they record who we are (or aspire to be) at our most human. Wise teachers from the Buddha to Thoreau have advised us to quit wasting our lives in the chase for outer trappings that don't matter.

Rubens,* Disembarkment of Marie de' Medici at Marseille –*Louvre, Paris.



Béroud,* The Painter in the Medici Gallery of the Louvre, or The Joys of the Floodlog – *private collection.

Proper Western and Eastern dance costume –cartoon from La Rire.

solid text accompanied by colored pictures (though others will surely follow) More importantly, this book escapes the narrow Western tradition and examines the topic worldwide India is one of its strengths Three cultures – Greece, Europe since the Renaissance, and India – have placed the nude or semi-nude human form central in their art Never after this book can informed writers ignore India's rightful place in the tradition. I hope readers will find this book worthy of a place on the shelf beside Clark, Walters, Gill, and Hausenstein

ART FOLLOWS NATURE

Social critics have noted – and rightly so – some strange contradictions in our society We put on fancy clothes to visit museums and look at nude art We erect sculptures in parks where an equally unclad sunbather would be arrested. This has led some to generalize that there is always more allowed nudity in art than in society. True enough in our case, but certainly not in Japan We know that mixed nude bathing has been a favorite custom for thousands of years, yet the nude never became an established art form there. And few American Indian cultures did much in their art with the human form.

Art and clothing customs have varied widely Body parts or whole bodies that cause scandal in one time and place are shown off with pride in another. For the past two centuries, female nudes have enjoyed far more acceptability in art (and advertising) than male nudes The exact opposite opinion prevailed in ancient Athens and Renaissance Florence Even prudes today tend to find bare butts amusing, but take offense at frontal nudity In ancient Egypt, it was important to keep your butt covered; the front side didn't matter so much We classify any depiction of a male erection as pornography Yet certain tribal men from Brazil to Indonesia would be ashamed to be seen with a limp penis; they wear nothing but a penis sheath to keep their organ looking larger and upright.

The world's wardrobe traditionally divided fairly close to the Tropic of Cancer In the old world, women below that line usually went bare-breasted (as in India and Africa) But in the new world, women above that line – in North America – went bare-breasted. And of course, total nudity has always been the only practical costume in jungles everywhere

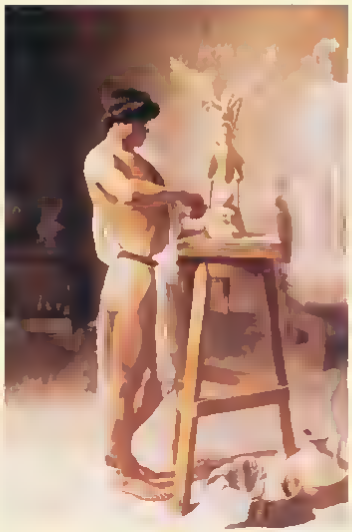
I adopted the column title, "Art Follows Nature" to emphasize that – unlike Clark's polarity view – a great deal of nude art simply records the nudity that artists saw around them every day Nakedness has seldom been very separate from the nude

We know, for instance, that there was no such thing as children's clothes in Egypt; children always went nude, so that is the way artists carved and painted them.

Apologists for current standards have tried to explain away Greek nudity as some brief thing confined to the gymnasium History teaches us that nudity pervaded everyday Greek social life – especially in places like Sparta As Eakins often insisted, the Greeks produced great art – not because they wasted their time copying other artists – but because they daily observed the nude athletes all around them.

And look at the body pride of the Renaissance, when any well-dressed gentleman strutted in his multi-colored codpiece (That slogan of the 1960s rings true. "If you've got it, flaunt it ") Look at the painting by Bartolommeo da Veneto of a young lady on her way to a party Yes, for a brief while, fashionable necklines plunged so low as to leave one breast exposed (Later generations have tried to explain away the fashion by calling the painting a portrait of Lucrezia Borgia–the supposedly most brazen woman they could think of Actually, she was a sweet and devout person, and this artist did paint at least one portrait of her.)

All of this brings us to a consideration of art and reality To what extent does art record the world that the artist saw, and to what extent does it reveal a better world that the artist has envisioned? That depends on the artist. We know, for instance, that Paul Delvaux



Ross, In the Sculptor's Studio – *private collection*

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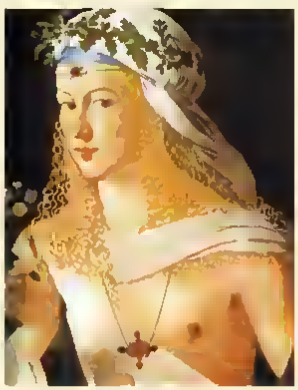

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This quarter's winning photo contest entry goes to Joseph D. Oliver from Duncan, BC, Canada, for his rendition of "Sleeping Beauty." This image receives our accolades for color, lighting, and form. The award is a year's subscription extension and a $50 Internaturally gift certificate.

A kiss shot at the Nudecino casino

Winter oasis in Avalon

January "summer" in West Virginia was an award-winning weekend at Avalon. Bern drove me to the AANR-East Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, January 10. Our condo unit was clean and warm when we pulled up to the office to check in. Dinner was waiting, a short walk from our pet-friendly unit. All was well at Avalon, even though the temperatures were chilly outside, a warm fireplace invited all to relax. Soon we were greeting old friends and making new ones, while enjoying a fine meal.

Friday morning we were again greeted by a crackling fire in the lodge fireplace. We enjoyed a buffet breakfast that included bacon and eggs, biscuits and gravy, tea or coffee, and fruit before going our separate ways to work – Bern brought work with him from the home office, and I was off to the AANR-East meetings. Being new to the board, I tried to read through all the included reports as we were taking our seats. It was heartening to see some of the locals and past dignitaries – such as Turner Stokes – stop in to see what we were discussing, and even adding a comment or question. Our main focus was to go through the July assigned tasks and report on progress, with an eye toward balancing the fiscal budget.

One part of the meetings I would like to share with you, though the rest will be reported on the AANR-East new Web site that will be up and running in February, we believe. But, this was an interesting anomaly. As we went line by line through the budget, comparing income and expenditures for the past 3 years, I was surprised to see that grants and awards had decreased. There are ways for non-landed clubs to get funding for advertising and membership drives, landed clubs can apply for grants to work on upgrades (and everyone seems to have a pet project in that area!). Scholarships are offered to kids 11-17 who want to attend camp; college age young adults have a special camp experience, as well. Writing scholarships are awarded to students who enter the contests, and people who volunteer to be AANR representatives at their home clubs are missing out on honors and recognition. Is it because members are not getting the information in time to do the minimal paperwork? Or, are the awards and recognition undervalued?

It's great to get a pat on the back and feel appreciated when you put out effort for a cause, club, beach, etc., and even better when the recipient is surprised by a dear friend or organization with such an honor.

After AANR-East presented several well deserved awards to members and Avalon, Internaturally was also proud to present Avalon's general manager, Bob Smith, and the Avalon residents and staff, with the first award from Internaturally for Ambassador for Naturism. This award was inspired by interviews of guests and residents, personal visits and experiences, over several years. Just knowing it was right to recognize them, I asked Bern to institute an award. As a naturist travel agent, I never hesitate to send a first timer to Avalon and know they will be well tended and well educated, by staff and residents who provide an environment

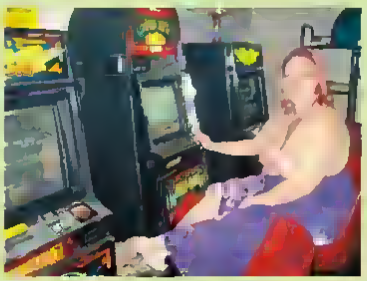
Steve accepts the first Internaturally Ambassador for Naturism award for Bob Smith

Jim Lane Real men DO wear pink!

as genuinely warm as that large fireplace We hope to honor future resorts in this manner, but Avalon may take pride in having been the inspiration Thank you

Saturday was another full day of meetings, and I was pleasantly surprised with the things I learned, and committees on which I will work on your behalf There are moments of levity during stretch breaks, and Jim Lane was teased about his pink croc shoes at the July meeting He proudly declared that he does indeed wear pink crocs, which are his Breast Cancer Awareness ribbons To help him make a full statement, Mary had brought a new pair of sunglasses for Jim Though he may be spotted in southerly grounds beforehand, look for these glasses at Cherokee Lodge in July, 2008 to meet one fabulous nudist representative and Vice President of AANR-East! Real men DO wear pink!

The live band set up after a fabulous stuffed sole, steak, and so much more dinner, and was soon inspiring residents and guests to dance like nobody is watching It was a good time and wonderful music for hours Later, the hot tub, of course, was the place to be, though some had enjoyed a football game at Nudecmo (the casino) bar's TV Winding down, feeling like something was accomplished, and looking at the t-shirt designed by the young adults at their summer-2007-week experience, I have to admit that I'm glad I'm able to be part of this wonderful experience and share it with you!



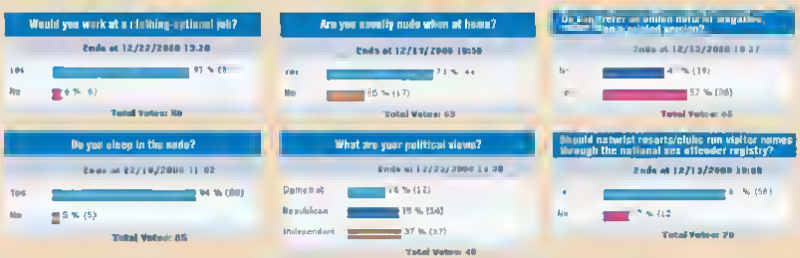
Katie Feather lucks out on the slots

POLLS

We recently posted several polls on the Internaturally Member site at www internaturally com/members Our goal was to learn a little more about our visitors' and members' personal preferences and their political views.

Some of the results were a surprise We found that visitors and members are more independent, and politically conservative than we believed previously It was no surprise that almost every naturist and nudist sleeps in the nude, which certainly validates a high probability The fact that most visitors would work in a clothes-optional job was also interesting to note And we hope that naturist business will take advantage and post free Classifieds and Help Wanted ads offered on the Internaturally member site

Below are the results in total We invite you to draw your own conclusions, and come visit **www.internaturally.com/members** We have a lot to offer Check it out! It's FREE!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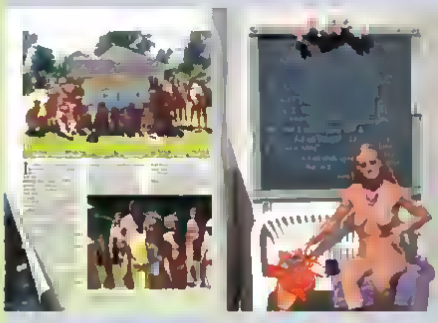
Are you usually nude when at home?
Do you sleep in the nude?
What are your political views?
Should naturist resorts/clubs run visitor names through the national sex offender registry?



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by Jacob Dreyer

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LETTERS

Feel free to include pictures of yourself

All from the Naturist Freedom club send you many greetings from the Czech Republic. We wish you all the best in the New Year 2008 and very nice and happy Christmas. At the same time, we would like to send greetings to all the naturists in the USA and in the world.

We often read news from the life of naturists during our gatherings, and we have to say, that your magazine keeps us informed about the naturist activities throughout the world. It is really high quality and well-made magazine. We are always eagerly expecting the next issue. It is like a connection with other naturists of the world by the means of your magazine.

We have had a few very nice meetings lately, inside and outside. I think they went really well! The summer was great, and now, that the winter has come, we use saunas, whirlpools and swimming pools. I am sending you a few photos, you can see for yourself [See also pages 4-5]

Please let me wish you all the best and good luck in the coming year, lots of health, and also success in business. *Vlada – Naturist Freedom, Czech Republic*

I would like to see the day when all subscribers can have the option of receiving "Naturally" online instead of in print (at no additional charge). Your naturally online system seems to be the type of distribution I have been yearning for when it comes to magazines. I much prefer electronic vs. paper. A system such as yours allows you to download PDFs for future reference while viewing the pages exactly as they appear in print — cost effective, efficient in organization/storage and good for the environment. I hope someday soon you will offer this option. *Chris Berdos — Florida*

My copy of #65 arrived yesterday. Everyone did a fine job preparing another first-rate issue. I would like to comment on the MacFarland article. Yes, things are changing — and we who are older can take active roles in the transition, or else be left behind. We can choose to either fear, ignore, or embrace the coming changes in naturism, and remember, we replaced our elders. *Way Clark — South Carolina*

As a senior citizen, "I don't get around much anymore." I seem to remember a song that went like that. Oh, well, I'm sure they'll forgive me. I mention this because I've been picking up *Naturally* from local Borders bookstores. What a beautiful magazine it is and I'm so pleased with the new format. Quite frankly, I don't know what we naturists would do without dedicated folks like you who so accurately express the philosophy of this beautiful way of life. I came to it many years ago when I skinny dipped with my boyhood friends for days on end. I knew even then, as a boy, that the human body was something to be proud of, and I was unashamed. I wondered why our little girl friends couldn't swim with us and had no idea that nudists existed, until I discovered some magazines — such as Sun and Health — which showed pictures of naked folks swimming, playing volleyball and sunbathing. In those days, the censors blocked out parts of the body, which struck me as rather silly. Then things changed, and some beautiful magazines, such as *Eden*, *Paradise*, and others, bared all, which didn't seem to frighten the masses after all.

In my humble opinion, nudism is the ideal sex education for curious young children in that it is healthy, pure, and combats morbid curiosity.

I want to thank you for your contribution to the cause as it were, for educating so many citizens about the joy of clothes-free living by way of beautiful shots and well-written articles. *Tom Curley—New Jersey*

When I read your magazine of nude and beautiful people, I thought I would get half-naked with all you naked ones.

Sometimes I run around in my home naked. In your magazine I see nude weddings, and your honeymoon, naked in every way.

I would like to say to all you naked people – I do envy all of you, enjoying being

BOOK REVIEW
by Paul LeValley

Linda Nochlin – Bathers, Bodies, Beauty: The Visceral Eye

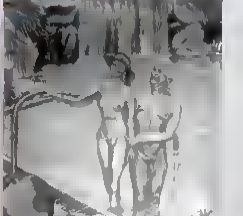
Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006. 342 pages

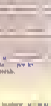
This is not a book for the casual nudist, but for persons who are pretty serious about art. These chapters are based on the six Charles Eliot Norton Lectures given by the author in 2004.

Beginning with Renoir's so-called Great Bathers of 1884-87, the author makes lots of generally sound comparisons with other female nudes of the late nineteenth century. True, the book indulges in a little too much Freudian psychosexual analysis for my taste. The author acknowledges, but does not linger very long on, modern feminist theories about the male gaze of the artist. That is just as well, because Renoir's black-haired model was none other than Suzanne Valadon, who went on to become, herself, a painter of many nudes – both male and female. Theories of art criticism don't always work.

What bothered me was Nochlin's assertion that if Renoir were being realistic, he would have put the women in swimsuits. The swimsuit was still a very recent invention in 1884 – less than twenty years old. If the author had expanded her study to paintings of swimming men and children, she would have seen that the new fad was still far from universally accepted.

Nochlin shows several drawings of society people all gussied up for sitting around in the public baths that had been fashionable at the beginning of the century. We have all read about those baths in Jane Austen. And so Nochlin assumes a long evolution of





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